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Not since 1860 have the two old parties of our country been so totally disabled and disorganized. The convention at Chicago has proved that the Republican party is hopelessly split. The convention at Baltimore has demonstrated that the Democratic party is torn in twain.

The old parties are breaking up because while there is little or no difference between them—there's deep dissension within each of them.

There will now come a new realignment of the political forces that stand for the present order. Out of the wrecks of the old parties will be born a conservative organization and a so-called progressive organization. They will differ in methods as to the administration of government but will, of course, resist with equal ardor any attempt of the working class to emancipate itself.

Because, no matter which politician won in Baltimore or in Chicago, the working class lost. Wilson may use all the phrases of a Democratic progressive. On the question of social reforms of any kind he is a reactionary. Taft may stand for what he calls a constitutional government. But on the question of giving an old age pension to the invalids and veterans of industry he is a reactionary. And this rule holds good for all candidates of non-proletarian parties as far as proletarian issues are concerned.

The platforms of both old parties are the weakest documents of that kind ever issued. No wonder both platforms like both candidates have the indorsement of plutocracy. Both treat only of issues that concern the big or little exploiters. To the underpaid and overworked toiler the old parties offer only platitudes. They are even shy on the promises this year.

There is practically no difference between the Republican

and Democratic platforms this time. The main thing then to be considered is the personell of the candidates.

We all know who Taft is and where he stands. He is a well meaning and conservative gentleman of considerable judicial temperament and little executive ability. He was selected by Roosevelt as the "heir of my policies"—when there was no other policy left to inherit than the continuous use of a base-drum. And Roosevelt took that drum to Africa and left Taft with a whistle.

Taft is conservative by birth, bringing-up and convictions. It is simply natural for a man of that type to be closely allied with men like Root, Crane and Hammond, and to disregard the economic changes of our times. The Republican party was always the favorite organization of capitalism and Taft simply wants it to continue in that mission.

The opposition in the Republican party is represented by the ex-president, Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Where Roosevelt stands on all the great questions of the day nobody seems to know. I doubt whether Roosevelt himself knows, because with his brilliant but very erratic mind, he may revise and change all of his principles and convictions by tomorrow afternoon.

At the same time it does not appear that he will play much of a part if he does run, unless he is satisfied to be the pathfinder of a new organization which is on its way to nowhere in particular.

The nominee of the Democratic party is Woodrow Wilson—for the first time in the history of this country a schoolmaster has been nominated for the presidency. I shall ignore the way he was nominated after William Jennings Bryan in

a rather dictatorial fashion had made impossible the nomination of either Clark or Underwood.

Wilson, at first glance, looks like a strong man, but he will have hard sledding at the next election.

It is true that the country is restive and eager for a change. The average voter foolishly believes that it is within the power of an administration to make good times or bad times at will. And almost everybody is dissatisfied.

The evils and shortcomings of the social fabric and of the present economic system are laid at the doors of the administration that happens to be in power. And this ardent desire of the average citizen for a change will act in favor of Wilson.

On the other hand, Wilson will be very much handicapped by his past. Wilson has written many books. And being a recent convert to the cause of Progressivism, his works stand out against him.

Wilson has not only attacked the south European, Jewish and Slavonic immigration, but he has also denounced organized labor in a most vicious manner.

He once declared that he preferred a Chinese coolie to the American trade-union men, because the former were more law-abiding and more industrious, and worked cheaper—words to that effect. Wilson may have changed his mind, but he will have to explain, and the candidate that must explain is in a very poor position.

Wilson has also said things against the Roman Catholic church and has written letters in favor of prohibition that will require explanation. So will his behavior during the late strikes in New Jersey.

It will also be pointed out that while Wilson is posing as a Progressive, Boss Murphy of Tammany voted for him. It

was really Boss Sullivan of Illinois and Boss Taggart of Indiana that made his nomination possible. And Wilson's election means the perpetuating of the power of these bosses and their machine.

Wilson's first step, after his nomination, was to get on friendly terms with all these corrupt leaders. And it is significant in connection with this that The Washington Post and The Cincinnati Enquirer (John R. McLean's properties) and other papers of this kind warmly indorsed his nomination. They all hail him as a second "Grover Cleveland." The working class of this country is not very anxious to have another Grover Cleveland.

There is treachery, hypocrisy and confusion in every division of capitalist politics. The old parties are weaker this year than in any time of our history. Their disintegration and deterioration will of necessity help the Socialist party, the political expression of the working class. The Socialist party is the only political organization that has a positive goal. It is the only party that is in accord with the economic trend of the times. It is the only party that attracts not only the intelligent and class-conscious workingman but also the student of political and economic conditions of all walks in life.

At best, the so-called reformers and progressives may claim that some of their planks are socialistic. Every voter who prefers the genuine to the imitation, the real to the pretense, the future to the past, will vote the Socialist ticket. Under such circumstances there is nothing that makes me revise my figures that we shall poll no less than two million votes at the coming national election.

CURRENT COMMENT

By FREDERIC HEATH.

If a man is to be known by the company he keeps, we can think of Woodrow Wilson these days?

The small sum of \$42.50 will buy a stereopicture from the national office to be used for campaign purposes.

South Carolina has entered the ranks of organized Socialist states. Only Delaware and Alaska are left.

One trouble with these bourgeois reformers is that they can always be counted on to show their other up.

The way in which the popular magazines are treating articles on Socialism shows what the burning question is, all right!

Colorado, through its initiative and referendum is likely to be the first state to pay cash to widowed or needy mothers with children to support.

How would it do for Roosevelt to give up his fight on Taft and take on Jack Johnson? His butting in tactics would take the fight up where Flynn had to leave off.

The Socialist party in Spain has now 200 branches. It has ten newspapers and has elected over 100 city councilmen besides having one representative in parliament.

Only one small local in Indiana voted to strike out the sabotage clause in the new national constitution. That one was at Brazil and it is being roundly scored for its stand.

The wife of the king of the match trust has aroused newspaper heres and philanthropists. Under our present form of society charity is often the next station beyond theft.

A tremendous vote this year for Socialism will frighten plutocracy into giving the people so many bogus reforms that the professional reformer will throw up his hands in despair.

Jack London and his wife, who are respectively a third mate and stewardess, it is said, have reached Seattle on the coal ship Aryan, which sailed from Baltimore and made the trip round the horn.

The Social-Democrats have gained two seats in the Gotha Landtag, in Germany. No doubt they are now the largest party in that body. They just missed electing a third man, which would have given the party the majority.

My advice to every reader of these lines is to buy the August number of Pearson's Magazine and read Benson's article on it. When you have read it see that your neighbor reads it. Don't forget. Don't neglect to do this. You commit a crime of omission if you do!

No matter which of the two capitalist parties win in November, there will not be the slightest difference in the relation of the government at Washington toward the ordinary man. Any poor man who thinks he can vote a choice between the two parties is a pretty cheap simpleton.

There are two Socialism movements in this country. One is the trend to Socialism that is so generally in the people's thought and action, and the other is the national political party organization. Of the two the first is the most tremendous and the most important. The second is the organized party is nothing to turn your nose up at!

Socialists will do well to read Walling's book "Labor Union Socialism and Socialist Labor Unionism," with a good deal of caution, if they read it at all. The reliability of what Walling writes on such a subject may be gauged by the fact that he declares himself to be part Socialist and part Anarchist. Socialists may well be chary of taking their lessons at the hands of such a tutor.

In the last state legislature in Tasmania the Liberal-Conservative combine had 19 seats and the Labor party 11. In the recent election Labor tied the capitalist combine 14 to 14, and in spite of all the rotten attacks that could be thought of, it was charged with being for confiscation, free-love, the destruction of church and home and what not? Two independents were elected and will have the balance of power, and will probably unite with the capitalist forces.

The school book publishing house of Re. Peterson & Co., of Chicago, which has forged to the front very rapidly in the last few years, has just been honored by the text book commission of Montana by the selection of its series of books for all schools in that state. This will interest Socialists since the second man of the publishing firm is a party member and has long been active as a Socialist in Wisconsin and in his present location in Chicago. He has a wide acquaintance through his travels for his house.

The powers that be are forever indignantly denying the fact of the class struggle and class hatred and prejudice, and yet acting at entire variance with their own professions.

When August Bebel of Germany was 70 years old, a number of Bremen school teachers signaled the occasion by sending their good wishes to the great Socialist leader by means of a telegram. The existence of the telegram having become known, the educational authorities of the city at once made investigations in order to ascertain who the culprits were. They succeeded in finding them out, and their punishment followed.

The moment it dawns on the people that the two old capitalist parties are made of the same material and stand for the same ends, the capitalist two-party political game meets with embarrassment. At the beginning of the word Democrat meant democrat to the people and in the beginning, too, the name Republican suggested the idea of the ruler of a commonwealth, or a common people's party. The names have lost their magic. There is no way out but for the supporters of the capitalist system to start the game over again with names that will sound new but radical to those people who can still be fooled.

Louis F. Post, the brilliant editor of The Public, a weekly review devoted in part to the education of the public on Singletax lines, takes a correspondent from Massachusetts severely to task for complaining that The Public has so much Socialistic bias in its columns that he is afraid to hand it out to make Singletaxers for fear of making Socialists or of using anti-Socialist words to that effect. Mr. Post answers that his paper is socialistic as Henry George was socialistic—Socialist in some things, individualist in others. Singletaxers who are not interested in

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Working the Simpletons Again!

National Socialist Campaign Begins to Blaze---A One-Day Wage Fund a Happy Hit

By J. L. ENGDALH.

The time to put in the best fighting for Socialism is when the minds of the workers are open and receptive.

Even the most dormant of intellects has been jimmied wide open by the knife wars in both the old parties ending in those beautifully staged performances, the Chicago and Baltimore conventions.

The tours of the Socialist presidential and vice-presidential candidates are being arranged, scores of national speakers are being selected, and it will not be long now before one of the biggest speaking campaigns ever arranged by the Socialist Party will be under way. The success of these meetings depends upon the Socialists living in the towns where they are to be held.

There is no reason why every meeting planned for this campaign should not be a whopper. Every worker and voter should be made to want to hear the Socialist argument in this political combat.

The Socialist workers must learn how to make use of the capitalist newspapers in their localities. This is especially important during the trip of Debs and Seidel.

If these tours are to be the success that they ought to be then thousands must be influenced in addition to those reached directly.

Two or three weeks before the arrival of Debs and Seidel give to each of the local capitalist newspapers something about the coming meeting. Above all get them to publish the time and place of the meeting.

First give them an announcement of the date and hour and the names of the local committee, and some of the plans to be carried out. As the day approaches keep on giving the newspapers NEWS. Report every meeting of your local and give them the names of every committee member immediately after he is appointed.

Keep on the lookout for some feature story for the newspapers. This means some story containing unusual features. Perhaps you have some man who discovered gold in the Klondike or who has twelve children all in the public schools, and is on the reception committee.

There are a thousand and one interesting facts that can be connected with your announcements of the coming meeting that will lighten up the story and give it considerable human interest.

Do something to make news. Send a committee to invite every preacher in the community to sit on the platform during the speaking, or to be on the reception committee. Some of them will refuse and thus make more discussion.

Give suggestions for making your local interesting enough to attract the attention of local newspapers. Make the word "Socialism" familiar to newspaper readers, and make your Socialist something that newspapers must watch if they are to have all the news.

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Somebody stands to gain by the scout movement or there would not be so many evidences of interest in work in connection with it. The Morning American of Creston, Ia., makes the fact of sinister motives still more clear by making public the fact that it receives an envelope every week from the boy scout headquarters in Fifth avenue, New York, containing articles about the movement, and says significantly, "It takes thousands of dollars to maintain headquarters on Fifth avenue, New York, and send out literature to the boys doing." It is quite sure that the scout movement would not be pushed unless it was tantalizing our youth with the itch to become war murderers and the interest that feel that they are not safe unless they are doing.

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CHICAGO, Ill.—The 1912 presidential campaign of the Socialist party is getting warmer every day. It is soon expected to reach that state of heat which will begin to blister everything in its path. The national campaign committee which has just had another meeting here is firmly of the opinion that the labels of the old parties are being burnt to a frazzle during the next four months.

Every member of the national campaign committee and those closely associated with them in their work, is now awaiting eagerly the response of the workers of the nation to the "One Day Wage Fund" appeal. If the tollers of the land fill the 1912 war chests of their political party on July 20, Wage Fund day, the work of the campaign is half accomplished, say those at the helm.

The tours of Debs and Seidel will criss-cross in Chicago on that day, their letters of acceptance will on that day be handed to the campaign committee for publication and on that day the mercury in the thermometer of Socialist political activity will go another notch higher, resulting in considerable inspiration in those regions inhibited by big business and the predatory interests.

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WASHINGTON News Notes

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"How soon an industrial crisis will come I do not know," said Berger, in supporting the bill. "We all know the government helped the rich men's panic in 1907 by loaning \$42,000,000 to the Pierpont Morgan bank, which loaned out at 6 per cent, utilizing the people's money and the needs of the hour to increase his own wealth."

"There are always two millions unemployed, and in hard times twice that number," Berger said, "will give employment to thousands, and later millions, proving an 'elastic' currency better than that of the Aldrich currency plan."

"The government can help the bankers and Wall street brokers, let it help the unemployed. But, of course, the bankers will oppose my currency and fight the plan."

(By National Socialist Press.)

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Where Socialists and Individualists Part Company

By R. A. DAGUE. (Written for The Herald.) Several months ago the Rev. Robert F. Coyle, D.D., pastor of the leading Presbyterian church of Denver, Col., preached a notable sermon from a published report of which in the "Rocky Mountain News," I make the following extracts: "The great social struggle going on throughout the world is in the last analysis a struggle between aristocracy and democracy, between government by a few and government by all."

Other Parties Offer Nothing

By HORACE B. WALMSLEY. (Written for The Herald.) The platform of the Socialist party this year is the greatest state paper put out in this country since the Declaration of Independence. It is a breath of the best economic thought of the day. It deals wholly with matters AT HOME. With our own internal affairs. It puts government at its proper business of doing things for our own people. Of setting our own house in order. Of this is the true function of government. The real dangers of every country lie at home within its political borders. And the chief business of such governments as the world has hitherto been cursed with, has been the making of the people believe that some foreign matter was so important that it had to be attended to at the expense of neglecting the general welfare at home.

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Capitalist Christianity in Germany

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The Plundered Class

(By National Labor Syndicate.) Labor is entitled to everything on earth! Labor gets mighty little of it. Capital is entitled to nothing on earth except to be used by labor as it sees fit. Yet capital is supreme under the laws of the nation. Capital comes before lives and fingers and arms and legs and healthy bodies. These are secondary considerations. Capital walks proudly into court and cites the constitution. Labor crawls into court and whispers sheepishly. Capital gets what it goes after and labor gets kicked out. Things are thus because of the laws made by capitalists. These laws remain because labor has not been able to make laws. Labor is supreme in every way. It can change the laws when it gets ready and GETS SENSE ENOUGH. LABOR IS ENTITLED TO EVERYTHING ON EARTH, BECAUSE IT PRODUCES OR MAKES OF VALUE TO HUMANITY EVERYTHING ON EARTH.

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SEGREGATION VS. ELIMINATION

The attitude of the Chicago Vice Commission upon the subject of the segregation of vice is voiced in the following statement which was made by the Commission: "Constant and persistent repression of prostitution is the immediate method, absolute annihilation the ultimate ideal." Speaking of the subject of segregation, Commissioner William J. Gemmill, of the Chicago bench, said recently: "I am unalterably opposed to the system of segregation, a system which is operated in violation of the law and of common decency, and which is the underlying cause of the demoralization of the police force." "Norway has pursued the policy of the extermination of vice since 1886. Sweden has appointed a parliamentary committee to investigate the regulation of vice and the adoption of the policy of extermination. The extra-parliamentary commission of France has reported against the system of segregation of vice, and demands its abandonment. The English government, after many hard-fought battles, has abolished the system of the state regulation of vice. The policy of Holland and Denmark for several years, has been for the extermination of vice and not for its regulation. The ministry of Philadelphia, having been charged with favoring the retention of vice, has come out unanimously in its denunciation. The fight against impurity has been carried on so vigorously in some states and large cities that, at the present time, there are no public houses of vice in the entire state of Iowa, nor in the cities of Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Seattle." Christian Union Herald.

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Socialism a Complete Philosophy of Life

Since, to the Socialist, Socialism embodies an entire philosophy of life, I cannot attempt to state that philosophy adequately within the limits of an brief formula. Most modern Socialists will however subscribe to a singularly able formulation recently written by Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, which runs as follows: "Socialism is the creed of those who, regarding the community as a whole, are for the improvement of the individual and for the maintenance of liberty, and that the control of the economic circumstances of life means the control of life itself, seek to build up a social organization which will include in its activities the management of those economic instruments such as land and industrial capital that cannot safely be left in the hands of individuals. This is Socialism. It is an application of mutual aid to politics and economics. And the Socialist end is liberty, the liberty of which Kant thought when he proclaimed that every man should be regarded as an end in himself, and not as a means to another man's end. Social organization is the condition, not the antithesis, of individual liberty."

Socialist and Humanist outlook been largely failures. The Socialist therefore advocates a scheme of social reconstruction, in which by the communal ownership, under democratic control, of the means of production, distribution, and exchange—or shortly, of "the means of life"—in so far as such communal ownership is requisite to put an end to slavery, overt or latent, there will be provided a secure and adequate livelihood for all who are willing and able to make, in return, a fair contribution to the common good.

Before proceeding to discuss the nature of the return which, I consider, will be demanded from the individual by the Socialist state, it is necessary to make a qualification of the Kantian principle enunciated above. It is, indeed, an accepted Socialist principle that each man, woman, or child must be treated as an end in himself, and that no man be treated as a means to the ends of another individual. But one of the first conditions of social aggregation is that the individual compensation for the advantages he derives as a member of the social aggregate, should be willing, to a degree, to be treated as a means to social ends. The denial of this fundamental principle is the root of anarchic individualism. A partial and nebulous recognition of this great truth, on the other hand, underlies Rousseau's fiction of "The Social Contract."

Demand on Individual.
A first fruit of this principle is thus the Socialist demand that every member of the Socialist state should,

in return for the advantages secured to him as a member of the community, make an adequate contribution to the common good. Let us consider more closely some of the phases of exemption from this requirement by the state. The aged will be exempt. It will be assumed (and in a sane organized state the assumption will be justified in the enormous majority of instances) that during their prime those now grown old will have made a sufficient return to the community, either in labor or service. (The recent granting of old age pensions in England, inadequate as the pensions still are, and late as is the qualifying age, is none the less of profound significance, as the first public recognition of this great Socialist principle.) The immature will be exempt. The community will provide free primary and secondary education, in the expectation of a subsequent return, in labor or service, to the common good. (Our public system of free education is a magnificent answer to those who contend that we are making no progress toward the realization of the Socialist ideal.)

Economic Independence of Women.
From every competent adult, a return will be demanded, in the form of manual labor, invention, supervision or service. To woman the choice will be open of employment in any of these capacities on the same, or on similar terms with men; and in addition, it need hardly be said, the fulfillment of her specialized sexual function in the bearing and rearing of children, thus providing for the continuity of the Socialist state, will be accepted (under certain conditions, to

be subsequently specified) as a complete discharge of a woman's social duties; thus will be secured the economic independence of woman, recognized over more widely as one of the first pre-requisites of further social and moral advance. It is a reasoned Socialist belief, in view of the remarkable plasticity of the qualities summed up in the expression "human nature," that as the transition to Socialism is effected, as the disappearance of economic individualism removes the present conflict between theoretical and practical morality, and as the inculcation of a social instinct in our schools no longer tends, in proportion to the success with which it is inculcated, to unfit the pupil for a reasonable measure of success in life, the number of competent adults who will desire to avoid the performance of their due share of social labor will become an ever diminishing quantity.

But those who do desire thus indirectly to live as parasites on the community, together with the directly predatory and violent types—thieves and homicides—will, be they many, temporarily or permanently, constitute an anti-social residuum, the criminals of our Socialist state. How are we to deal with them? How are we to deal also with those who, because they are ill, insane, or feeble-minded, are unable, temporarily or permanently, to make an adequate contribution to the common good? On humanist principles, they will be entitled (as they are today) to a share of the communal product. But, as today, they will receive that share on conditions—conditions which cannot be explained till we have introduced the subject of Eugenics.—Dr. Edan Paul.

light and the gas plants are to be merged and the Rugowski resolution submitting the question of the purchase of the electric light plants to a vote will give the people an opportunity to head off the merger.

Mayor Stolze believes that by Oct. 1, 1912, when the first year of municipal ownership of the waterworks plant will have been completed, the profits from this utility will be such that the citizens will have no hesitancy in voting to acquire the electric light plant. He pointed out that each could be disposed of before the fall elections. If the Turner decision is upheld the present aldermen are not entitled to their seats and it is the plan to remedy the matter at the fall election. The Turner decision was handed down in the case of Thomas J. Neacy against nine city assessors whom Mr. Neacy declared not entitled to office. Judge Turner declared that the council exceeded its authority in redistricting the wards in 1911.

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"Non" Partisan Blunders

The Social Democrats revealed another "non-partisan" blunder at the meeting of the common council Monday night when Ald. John Doerflinger pointed out that they had authorized the purchase of an asphalt mixed and repaved by a majority vote, where a three-fourths vote should have been had. The charter provides that all purchases made "without the intervention of a formal contract" (something the "non-partisans" are very fond of doing) despite their platform pledge to the contrary shall obtain a three-fourths vote. The resolution to buy the repair plant was such a purchase.

The park board was turned down in its request for \$10,000 to maintain the 14 public squares turned over to it by the board of public works about a year ago. The Social Democrats urged the appropriation, and voluntarily assumed the responsibility of the maintenance of the park and that, through an oversight, no appropriation for their upkeep had been made in the last budget.

As anticipated, Mayor Bading sent in the name of Walter Celichowski, Mitchell street clothing merchant, for fire and police commissioner to succeed William A. Schoen. The vote on his nomination was split, but opposed by the Social Democrats, brought a significant statement from President Corcoran.

"When the first vacancies occurred on this commission, the beginning of the present administration, I suggested the name of an honorable, faithful man of the common people, and I was given to understand that he would be appointed within two weeks. I went away on a two weeks' vacation, and when I came back I found that Otto Falk and Maurice McCabe had been appointed to the vacancies. Again, when this vacancy occurred, I proposed the name of the same good man, and had every reason to expect that he would be appointed. Much to my surprise, I was told at 5 o'clock this afternoon that he would not. I am in a peculiar position, due to the action of the majority in this matter. Officially, I am going to vote to confirm the present mayor's appointments the next two years. But personally I have little faith in the proposition to vote 'aye.'"

Kill Commissions.
It is known the Ald. Corcoran has been active for the appointment of David P. Young, a teaming contractor, and one time member of the fire department, 240 Jefferson street, and he is undoubtedly the one to whom the speaker referred.

The report of the garden patch commission with bills totaling \$127.75 was placed on file and the request of the city planning commission for \$5,000 provided in the budget, to hire a city planning expert to plan the environs of the city was indefinitely postponed. Thus die two more creations of the last administration.

The Sans Fourth commission at a meeting in the office of Alfred Morawetz, 217 East Water street, Monday afternoon, gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Morawetz for his work as chairman of the program committee, and to president E. T. Melms of the commission.

A general resolution of thanks was adopted as follows:
Resolved, That the Sans Fourth of July commission, and its sincere thanks be extended to the city who contributed in the past year to the celebration of the Fourth of July celebration, that we would like to specify and give names, but that is out of the scope of this notice, to the Fire Department, school officers, teachers of the public, private and parochial schools, the city officers, and police force, the press, and all readers, the entire city press, and the newsmen who agitated for a sans Fourth of July celebration, and all classes who helped in the most worthy enterprise. But for the aid and enthusiasm of the workers and citizens, sans Fourth of July largely free from incident Fourth of July celebration would have been a failure.

Announcement was made that the "non-partisans" had collected over \$7,000 which is expected to cover the debts of the commission and possibly pay the small deficit left over from last year.

A resolution was adopted urging that Milwaukee join Chicago and other large cities in an effort to prevent the sale of fireworks of every description, except when these experts have a contract to furnish displays on the Fourth of July or other occasions when fireworks may be requested.

Assistant City Attorney McIntyre has replied to the common council an opinion that has power to regulate the office policemen. In his opinion Mr. McIntyre pointed out that the council is given the power to fix the salaries and the number of men employed in the department and that, if the council of this city has the power to determine the length of a session it would be possible for him, for example, to grant a vacation of two months, if he chose, thus necessarily increasing the number of the department and making additional men necessary. This Mr. McIntyre holds, would be usurping the powers of the council.

Just before it went out of office the Social Democratic council passed a resolution giving policemen one day off a week, but up to the present Chief of Police Janassen has paid no attention to it. The present council submitted the matter to the city attorney to find whether it had the power to compel the enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. McIntyre holds that it has.

The policemen now get one day off in 15.

Mr. McIntyre has also given to the license committee an opinion that the committee may grant a license to one who has been denied a license within a year. If the license has been revoked, however, another cannot be granted in less than a year.

An appeal to the supreme court on the Turner redistricting decision was taken Monday on behalf of the city by City Attorney Hoan and will probably be placed on the August calendar that it may be disposed of before the fall elections. If the Turner decision is upheld the present aldermen are not entitled to their seats and it is the plan to remedy the matter at the fall election. The Turner decision was handed down in the case of Thomas J. Neacy against nine city assessors whom Mr. Neacy declared not entitled to office. Judge Turner declared that the council exceeded its authority in redistricting the wards in 1911.

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imously passed resolutions indorsing the county fusion plan and laid plans to legally do that which the state legislature has declared illegal.

The plan will be submitted to the Social Democratic county committee at a meeting Monday night and will meet with considerable opposition on the part of the latter, who feel that this is to be "Democratic year" in Wisconsin and are loathe to divide any portion of the "sea biscuits" with the Republicans, who they are already beginning to regard as "has beans" in the state political field.

Wisconsin State Ticket.
For Governor—CARL D. THOMPSON, Milwaukee.
For Lieutenant Governor—HENRY M. PARKS, Superior.
For State Treasurer—HENRY J. AMMANN, Kiel.
For Secretary of State—RAE WEAVER, Beaver Dam.
For Attorney General—LYNN D. JASEPH, Green Bay.

MANITOWOC, Wis.—Shall there be a merger of the privately owned electric light and the gas plant, or shall the electric light plant be purchased by the city and merged with the waterworks plant so that the public may benefit by the advantages gained by consolidation? This is the question that will be answered by the voters of Manitowoc at the regular election next November, provided the city council acts favorably on a resolution introduced by Ald. Rugowski (Soc.) at Monday night's council meeting.

There are rumors that the electric

The Little White Hand
By KITTIE SPARGO HULSE.
His face bears the scars of Life's battles; They were made by Privation and Care; Yet shines through his eyes the brave spirit That fears not to do and to dare.
Would you trace the deep tide of his courage? I can show you the source undefined;

When he heard the stones fall on her coffin. He knew—ah, the sting of that thought! That his baby had died for the lack of The wealth that his own hands had wrought.

There are millions of thin little fingers That are robbed of their plumpness and dimples, The birthright of each little hand.

Then, comrades, be vigilant, ever! With the weapon you have at command! Stand fast! Never falter or waver, For the sake of the little white hand!

When the fateful day comes in November, And alone with your ballot you stand, Remember the Debs-Seidel ticket And vote for the little white hand!

Puzzles
Answers to anagrammatic quotations in No. 19:
"Under Socialism," says Gronlund, "property will belong to its possessor by the strongest of all titles, to be enjoyed as he thinks proper but not to be used as an instrument for fleecing his fellow citizens."

The first correct answer was received from Luella B. Fouts, Washington, D. C.
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Slamming Bryan
Hearst's American says:
"The New York American will support the nominee. Whoever else may rise or fall in the fortunes of the last convention of the Democratic party, William J. Bryan comes out of it unscathed, forever and stamped by his hypocrisy and his hates as a fraud and a demagogue, false in language, false in profession and false in friendship as to party."

Edwin T. Harris, a railway clerk in the Social Democratic party for congresses in the Eleventh district. Five counties have so far named him and no other candidate has been mentioned. He was his majority candidate in the spring election. While a young man, he is impressively straight-spoken, well-informed on issues, and will make a strong campaign.

The Oneida county convention places the following ticket in the field: Assemblyman, Charles Keefe; county clerk, A. J. Schultz; clerk of courts, Gerrit Lee; register of deeds, Christian Schlichting; sheriff, Tom Wight; coroner, Henry B. Woodruff.

Racine county Social Democrats nominated the following for legislative and county offices: First district assemblyman, Al Bowman; Second district assemblyman, A. C. Jackson; county clerk, A. H. Wadewits; county treasurer, L. C. Monerus; sheriff, Louis Peterson; coroner, Harvey Vernon; clerk of circuit court, Eugene Kuezy; register of deeds, S. P. Sorenson.

Under Capitalism and Under Socialism
Under the capitalist system of today:
The men who make the fine clothes wear shabby garments.
The men who build houses live in hovels.
The men who make motor-cars walk.
The men who build ocean liners cannot afford to travel abroad.
The men who do the hardest and dirtiest work get the lowest reward.
The men who have transformed the world have no legal right to live in it.
Under a Socialist system, however:
The right to work, which means the right to live, would be an established fact.
The men who work will get the full product of their labour.
No man will be able to live upon the labor of his fellows unless he be incapacitated through age or illness.
Every man will be well fed, well clothed, and well housed.
Every man will have opportunities for culture, for travel, and for leisure.
The world will become a thing of beauty and will belong to the workers of the world.

The Joy of Hard Work
"No man can work too hard or hours too long if his health will permit."—President Eliot of Harvard University.
Said the miner deep down in the earth (And he laughed at the humor of it): "It's a joy and a revel to dig like the devil."
As long as my health will permit: And, though it's a loss of delight to the boss He doesn't seem jealous a bit."

Said a girl in a thundering mill, With a snaffle that was grateful and sweet: "It's pleasant, this spinning; I fear that I'm sinning. In wanting to sleep and to eat! Oh, it would be so grand to be able to stand The other twelve hours on my feet."

Said the child in the tenement shop: "Don't send me to play if you please; I'd rather be sewing and stitching you know. In the hot-house of filth and disease, For a sweatshop, you see, is dearer to me Than the birds and the blossoming trees."—"Queensland Worker."

The Fate of the Capitalists
"How shall we compensate the capitalist?"
"Will we cant them into a den of ravenous lions, and listen with hendiadys to their screams of agony as the wild beasts devour their quivering flesh and rip them from limb to limb? Will we immerse them in boiling pitch, roast their feet over a brazier of burning charcoal, gouge out their eyes with red-hot irons, pierce their ears with burning needles, tear off lumps of their flesh with white-hot pincers until they shriek, and howl, and whine, and moan for mercy?"
"Will we incarcerate them in foul dungeons, deprive them of water—giving them barely sufficient to keep them alive and moisten their parched and swollen tongues—until they are driven insane and scream and curse and rave and blaspheme in a paroxysm of agonized delirium?"
"No. We shall not resort to such element methods. But we have in store for them a torture beside which the 'snake, the rack, the thumb-screw, and the 'boots' looked pale into the utmost insignificance—a torture, the very thought of which is sufficient to cause cold beads of perspiration to roll down their flabby cheeks; a torture infinitely more diabolical than was ever devised by the most fiendish imagination of the 'Inquisition.'"
"We'll make them work."—The Harp, Dublin.

For Sale
Comrade has \$2300 stock in the People's Realty Co. which he wants to sell because money is required to develop business. See Mr. H. W. Bistorius, Brisbane Hall.

Direct Action and Legislation
(From an Article on Direct Action by Edmund Fischer in The Sozialistische Monatshefte.)
Even in the Latin countries anarchism is dying out. Democracy triumphs everywhere, and respect for the state increases. But as in every other, so in the anarchist theory, there is some, and even perhaps much, truth. Purged of its errors, anarchism finds its modern expression in Direct action.

It is no mere chance that revolutionary Syndicalism has made such strides in France despite the utter failure of anarchists. Democracy has brought and must continue to bring many disappointments to the French working class. FRANCE IS PREDOMINANTLY NOT INDUSTRIAL, BUT AGRICULTURAL, with small ownership as the general feature; it is the country of the petite bourgeoisie, and great associations of workmen such as the English Trade Unions are an impossibility. Industrially and politically the working class is swamped beneath the small owner and small master class.

SYNDICALISM IS THE DESPAIRING TACTIC OF A WEAK CLASS WHICH SEES NO PROSPECT OF CAPTURING POLITICAL POWER BY FORCE OF NUMBERS. It is prophesied that the German clerks and lower officials will develop a Syndicalist tactic. Demanding a middle-class existence, they stand aloof from the proletariat, and must remain a small minority in society, but they are indispensable to production, and are in a position to bring it, if they choose, to a standstill. A similar numerical weakness has brought the French working-class movement to Syndicalism after 100 years of disappointment.

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In the soiled, grimy hand of the toiler, Is the little white hand of a child.
No rings on the thin little fingers— But dearer than diamonds and rubies The touch of the little white hand.
He thinks, as more fondly and closely, Of the delicate fingers are pressed, Of little white hands that lie folded And still on a little cold breast.

When he heard the stones fall on her coffin. He knew—ah, the sting of that thought! That his baby had died for the lack of The wealth that his own hands had wrought.

There are millions of thin little fingers That are robbed of their plumpness and dimples, The birthright of each little hand.

Then, comrades, be vigilant, ever! With the weapon you have at command! Stand fast! Never falter or waver, For the sake of the little white hand!

When the fateful day comes in November, And alone with your ballot you stand, Remember the Debs-Seidel ticket And vote for the little white hand!

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and we will have a smoke, and a chat over old times."
The man did as invited, when the conductor turned to Robert and said: "Your fare, please?"
"I gave you my ticket," answered the boy.
"No; you did not," replied the railroad man.
"Yes, I did," repeated Robert. "My ticket reads from Columbus to Ashley. You have it!"
At this the conductor hastily ran through a handful of tickets when he said:
"I have no such ticket; young man, you are lying to me. You did not give me a ticket. You must pay your fare."
The boy now appealed to his seatmate, asking him: "Did you not see me pass up my ticket right in front of your face?"
"I don't remember," drawled the man. The conductor now said:
"Now, kid; you must pay your fare or I will put you off the train at the next stop."
Now "Bob," as his boy chums at home call him, although young, and green, and poor, had been knocked about the world quite a bit, young as he was, and he naturally possessed a manly, courageous and independent spirit, and a keen sense of justice and honor. Therefore he spoke up in a manly, decided tone of voice,
"I gave you my ticket and I will not pay again," but inwardly he had nearly surrendered, and half decided to pay rather than be ejected from the car at the next stopping place, for he knew it was only a siding or little station where there were but two or three houses. Besides, it was now winter and the ground was covered by a deep snow, and the walking was bad.
In a few minutes, the steam whistle sounded for the station. As the train began to slacken its speed the conductor returned, accompanied by a brakeman.
"Now," said he, "will you pay your fare or be put off? If you don't pay, off you go."
Before Bob had time in which to reply, a large middle aged man, sitting behind the boy, rose to his feet, threw off his coat, and stepping into the aisle, said:
"See here, mister! Before you put that boy off this train, you will have to put me off, and before you finish that ar' job, you will need another man or two to help ye, ye gosh!"
"What business have you to interfere, sir?" said the conductor.
"Business enough," answered the stranger. I seen that thar kid had your ticket. You are either a consarned poor conductor, or a thief; I don't know which, and I don't care, but

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Will the Rev. Samuel Atkinson please send for a letter at this office?

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Emil Fischer, a young mechanic of Cher, the capital of the Canton of Grenchen, an ardent Socialist and treasurer of the local trades, has inherited \$130,000 from an uncle who died recently in New York state.

Suburban and hearty, Emil Seidel left Milwaukee Saturday morning for a long swing through southern states.

On July 26 and 27 he will speak in Arkansas towns not yet definitely decided upon.

EVERETT, Wash.—Miss Anna Agnes Manley, Socialist candidate for governor of Washington, is making an active campaign and is believed to have a chance of election.

GRAND SALINE, Tex.—The ninth annual Texas Socialist encampment, which takes place at Grand Saline, Tex., July 29 to Aug. 3, will be the largest Socialist gathering ever held in America.

Low excursion rates have been secured from all points in Texas over all railroads in this state for this gigantic gathering.

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Why Not a Poor Man's Government, Too?

(By National Socialist Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—If the United States government deemed it wise to assist the bankers during the "rich men's panic" of 1907, why is it not wise and proper for the government to provide employment for willing workers during the impending industrial depression?

This question is asked by Representative Victor L. Berger, the Socialist member of the house. And Berger himself answers that it is not only proper for the government to give work to the jobless, but also it is its plain duty to do so.

That for the purpose of providing employment to all willing workers, and of furthering useful public work, such as the laying out, construction, improvement or repair (as the case may be) of streets, highways, street railways, parks, water works, electric light plants, gas plants and school houses, or other public buildings, the United States government shall issue and loan money to county, city and town governments under conditions hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Upon the determination by any such local government to undertake such public work, it may deposit with the secretary of the treasury a sum of money not to exceed in value 20 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property within the jurisdiction of such local government.

Section 3. The said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, and shall be redeemed in 20 annual and equal installments. The redemption of said bonds shall be guaranteed by the entire tax receipts of said local government, and the said bonds shall constitute a first claim upon tax receipts.

Section 4. The secretary of the treasury shall issue, in convenient denominations, a special currency to be known as public improvement notes, and upon the deposit with him of bonds as herebefore described he shall loan to the local government so depositing its bonds an amount in equal value of said currency.

Seidel Misses the Old "Posers"

Emil Seidel, Socialist vice presidential candidate, who has addressed audiences in almost all of the northern states east of the Mississippi river during the past three months, believes that some of the worst and most deeply imbedded prejudices of the American voters on Socialism are disappearing.

He stated that during all of his meetings "swinging around the circle" he was never asked the ancient and honorable question: "If you divide all the wealth of the world equally among the people, how will you keep it from again passing into the hands of the men who have the wealth now?"

Will Socialism break up the family? Does not Socialism stand for free love and are not Socialist writers on record to that effect?

Is it not true that Socialism is opposed to religion? Will Socialism stand for anarchy and violence and tearing down? These moss covered inquiries that have so long served to interrupt intelligent discussion of economic issues are now being relegated to limbo and consigned to deep forgetfulness of darkness and oblivion.

There was one exception, says Seidel. In one city, at the close of the speech, a voice piped up asking: "Doesn't Socialism stand for free love?"

Washington

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And where formerly there was many curious questions and also a certain proportion who came to scoff and to embarrass the speaker and the meeting, there is now a silence and a thoughtfulness on the part of the audience.

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And there is also this difference: The national banks can put up government bonds as security when they issue money, and then get interest twice. Once on the \$90,000 bank notes the government issues on the \$100,000 bonds, and the second time on the interest of the \$100,000 bonds the bankers have deposited as security.

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The Builders' Column

By A. W. MANCE. A SOCIAL NIAGARA. "We are not going to have a revolution, we are already in the midst of a swiftly moving Political and Social revolution."

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY. A wonderful opportunity and a great responsibility rests on the Socialists of this country. What course this revolution is destined to take depends much on how faithfully and willing the present conscious Socialists perform their work as educators of the masses of toilers who only know that prices are high and that there is something radically wrong between the possibilities of production and our present means of distribution.

MOST MINDS ARE NOW OPEN. Are you going to do your share of this educational work? I hear you say, "Of course, I am."

KEEP THEM MOVING. You have no doubt got your friends and shop-mates thinking. See to it now that they get the Herald as a weekly visitor from now until election.

Get up a club of four subscribers for \$1.25 this week. Order a small bundle for free distribution and sample copies. No conscious Socialist can afford to rest until the ballots are counted in November.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

you'n's can't put the kid off, and don't ye forget it. At this the railroad man put his hand into his side coat-pocket, took out a handful of tickets, looked them over, and finally said: "Well, here is a ticket which reads from Columbus to Ashley. I did overlook it, sure enough. I guess after all the boy is right."

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esteemed friend in one, Henry Eaton, now past fifty, a prominent, influential, and highly respected business man of St. Louis, Mo. Last December, Mr. Eugad received the following letter from his friend which I lay before my readers as an appropriate closing paragraph of this story.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

The cruel war brought untold grief to millions, but out of the awful conflict grew most tender and sacred and eternal friendship. You stood for the Union, and my father espoused the cause of the Confederacy. You were profoundly conscientious in the views you held, and he was equally honest. I thank heaven we are now one united country. I never cease to rejoice that all feelings of hatred, and animosity between the Blue and the Grey, have disappeared forever.

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western Missouri district, saved himself from impeachment only by resigning, in Mr. Connolly's opinion, and after he had resigned, he gave substantial ground to the charge that he was backed by the Missouri Pacific, by appearing as an attorney for the road.

That," replied the attendant, "is one of Morgan's soldiers who came here a few days ago. He is very poorly indeed and the doctor says he will not long survive. In a conversation I had with him yesterday he informed me that he had not been well for a long time, but kept up courage determined to fight for the Confederacy so long as he could carry a gun. In the past few weeks, owing to exposure and loss of sleep and over-exertion, he has grown rapidly worse and is now a very sick man."

Next morning I was up at daylight and after a drink of water from a spring near by, I continued on my way, arriving at Kehl toward the middle of the afternoon. I had met a number of people on the way, but always hid till they were past, because I did not want anyone to see me, so they could not tell my father which way I had gone.

Another angle of the Hanford case was given publicly at last night's hearing, when a reporter was examining the case in a public hearing. That a "white slave" ring was behind the attack on Judge Hanford. Questioned by the committee, the reporter said Judge Hanford in person gave him the information upon which the article was based.

Socialist Boycotts. It is the practice of the German Socialists, when public-house keepers and owners of entertainment and public halls refuse their rooms for the holding of Socialist meetings, to boycott these people in such a manner as to bring them to their knees and concede all demands of the Socialists. Lists are published occasionally in the Socialist press of restaurants that willingly let their long rooms, or halls, to our party, and also of those that refuse to do so.