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CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH

The Social-Democrats in the German parliament are making herculean efforts to force a governmental investigation of the high cost of living.

If the Socialist vote this year goes to a million and a half capitalism will shudder in apprehension. It goes to two million capitalism will lose its head altogether.

London will have a new Social-Democratic and labor paper, a daily which will make its appearance on the eighth of next month. It will be called the Daily Citizen.

The newly chosen president of the Chicago and Alton railway says that the working people are at the present time more at the present time than they were at the present time. Do you mind that, nu?

Twenty-six thousand miles is the total of travel that Vice Presidential Candidate Seidel will have accomplished in his speaking tour by the time election day rolls around.

An intercollegiate society of Socialist students is being formed in England. A congress was held at Manchester, with delegates from Cambridge, London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Irish universities. There was great enthusiasm.

Another notable victory has been achieved by our party in Germany. This time in Schwartzburg-Sondershausen where the Social-Democrats have put a representative, for the first time, in the Landtag. What kept the party from success all these years was the fierce voting system, one of the worst on the continent. As the Social-Democrats have not, and there are two parties all the time. When the Whig party is wiped out, then there is the Republican. When the Federal party was wiped out, and there that party divided into two parts. Once or twice, there have been other parties in the house, such as the American in the 40's, and the Populist, about 20 years ago, but they have never lasted. So it is, that the house is divided into the Democratic Socialist side and the Social-Democratic side and the majority and the minority. Now, when a Socialist appeared on the scene at the beginning of the sixtieth congress, it was hard to catalogue him, as there had been no Reichstag, having forced the clericals from second place, and has 225 representatives in the diets or legislatures of the various states making up the empire.

The favorite Industrial Workers' stunt, with its fit opportunities of keeping its leaders in the limelight pan-handling the country, also enabling some of the manipulators to have their big travel bills paid while they are out there, will be again worked in the near future. A free speech fight with the authorities at San Pedro, Cal., is being developed by the professionals and soon hundreds of dollars of the workers' money will be spent in sending out weekly, sob-producing, bulletins all over the country calling on the working class to send in the necessary money and as much more as can be given. It is noticeable that the gurus and boyks who do the pan-handling never render it as accounts of how the money has been used.

The man who hath his quarrel just feels the moral justice and sanction of his cause. Not so the sneak and the man whose methods are treacherous. An honorable foe at least calls for respect. But what can we think of the other extreme as well exemplified by the paper called the Industrial Worker, which says editorially: "With a campaign of education on the silent strike, the irritation (sabotage) strikes, the intermittent strike, etc., you will always have the enemy guessing. Should a strike be successful by walking off the job, it might be well the next time to draw party lines and striking. It might not be the worst idea in the world to strike and then get back on the job, while the strike is still on to pull off another strike." Do such contemptible tactics establish the nobility of labor? It would be only one further step to the dirk and the poisoned bullet.

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How Congressman Berger Got a Hearing for Socialism--Inner Facts

One hot day in August, 1911, the house of representatives assembled at noon for its usual day's work. The chaplain doled out his prayer, the journal was read and adopted, and the day's exploits began. Jim Mann of Illinois, the minority leader, rose in his seat with a bundle of papers in his hand. As he was getting ready, the bulky form of Victor Berger, the "lone Socialist," as they were calling him then, in the first year of his service in the house, sidled up to him. As Mann arose, Berger arose, Mann said, "Mr. Speaker, I yield fifteen minutes to a gentleman from Wisconsin, Jim Tawney, and Berger then, with a happy smile on his face, proceeded to deliver his short speech on old age pensions that has since been circulated so widely by the party.

Mann had arisen for quite another purpose than to ask Berger to speak. In fact, he was opposed to the passage of a speech by the "lone Socialist" at that time. He had something else to do, something that he thought was far more important than a dozen Socialist speeches. Berger had not said a word to him, and yet, just by walking up to him, and by the mere glances of the floor, and the speech was delivered. Just what had happened.

The house and the senate are divided into a majority and a minority. The American people seem not to believe in the idea of the right, the center and the left. They seem to believe only in two parties, and those two parties all the time. When the Whig party is wiped out, then there is the Republican. When the Federal party was wiped out, and there that party divided into two parts. Once or twice, there have been other parties in the house, such as the American in the 40's, and the Populist, about 20 years ago, but they have never lasted. So it is, that the house is divided into the Democratic Socialist side and the Social-Democratic side and the majority and the minority. Now, when a Socialist appeared on the scene at the beginning of the sixtieth congress, it was hard to catalogue him, as there had been no Reichstag, having forced the clericals from second place, and has 225 representatives in the diets or legislatures of the various states making up the empire.

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WASHINGTON News Notes

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Acting Attorney General Harr on Monday, in response to a promise made to Congressman Berger, instructed the general States attorney at Seattle, Wash., to agree to a reversal by the circuit court of appeals of former Judge Hanford's decision, cancelling the citizenship of Leonard Olson, a Socialist, which resulted in impeachment proceedings against Judge Hanford and his resignation. The United States attorney will file a stipulation which will practically be a confession of error. This is expected to cause the circuit court to restore Olson's citizenship.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Charging "Hayes, Morgan and the Harriman Interests" with the Mexican railway, Pierce and the Standard Oil company possess a monopoly of Mexican oil fields, a grand business in Mexico. John H. Hays, U. S. Secretary of War, the president's brother—these are the powers which are forcing the state department to openly assist Madero's grafting despotism.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Increase organized labor's representation in congressional committees has been announced. This is the keynote of the 1912 political program to be announced tomorrow in the weekly news letter of the American Federation of Labor which sounds labor's campaign cry. The ignoring of the Socialist fight for labor legislation on any fundamental question affecting the rights, interests and justice due the toilers, by congress, when the bill of grievances was presented to President Roosevelt or Speaker Cannon.

The political bulletin, approved by President Gompers and other labor leaders, calls on Union labor to elect municipal, state and national candidates that are favorable to labor.

A Play For Platte Applause.

"Don't be deluded by fancy political programs that assume to transport the labor movement to some land of paradise," is the warning of the labor chiefs. "Oppose our enemies, whether they be candidates for president or other offices," the appeal concludes.

CHICAGO, Illinois.—The action of the department of justice in stipulating for the reversal of the Hanford decision in the case of Leonard Olson is due to the efforts of Congressman Berger to get justice done for Olson, though Olson is a member of the Socialist Labor party, who attacked with the Detroit faction of the I. W. O. which has been bitter and unscrupulous in its antagonism to the Socialist party. Mr. Berger prevailed upon the Socialist executive committee to appropriate \$100 to pay the nominal expenses of Olson's appeal, the attorney general having promised Mr. Berger that the government would move to correct what he condemned as a judicial outrage.

BOSTON, Massachusetts. — Scandalous charges that the dynamic "planting" during the Lawrence strike was only an incident in a deep-laid plot to discredit unionism generally, made to the grand jury by ex-City Marshal Oswald A. Lawrence, were investigated today.

District Attorney Pelletier had before the grand jury Mayor Scanlon, Commissioner of Public Safety Lynch, who attacked with the Detroit faction of the I. W. O. which has been bitter and unscrupulous in its antagonism to the Socialist party. Mr. Berger prevailed upon the Socialist executive committee to appropriate \$100 to pay the nominal expenses of Olson's appeal, the attorney general having promised Mr. Berger that the government would move to correct what he condemned as a judicial outrage.

BOSTON, Massachusetts. — Dennis J. Collins, a stray dog fancier, indicted with William M. Wood of the American Woolen company, and Frederick Atteaux, head of the Atteaux Mill company, will be the star witness for the state when his associates are put on trial.

It became known today that Collins has agreed to tell all he knows, claiming an attempt was being made to shift the blame to him.

According to the story of the District Attorney Pelletier, he had both John J. Breen, already fined \$500 for "planting" the dynamite in Lawrence, and Ernest W. Pitman, who committed suicide rather than tell his story to the grand jury, but Pitman delivered a package to Breen. Collins says, and Breen, after dividing it into a number of bundles, gave them to Collins, who took them to Lawrence and placed each package where Breen told him to put them where they were later "discovered" by the police.

District Attorney Pelletier also stated today that he will submit to the grand jury evidence showing that many Lawrence officials knew that the dynamite was to be planted.

No wage-earner is doing his full duty if he fails to identify his own interest with those of his fellow workmen. The obvious way to make common cause with them is to join a trade union and thus secure a position from which to strengthen organized labor and influence it for the better.—Ernest Crosby.

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Socialist Campaign Has Struck Its Stride---Now Watch the Sparks!

BY J. L. ENGLISH

TRENTON, New Jersey.—There isn't any doubt at all about it now—1912's political campaign has struck its stride, and there will be much doing between now and election day, Nov. 5.

Having been the first to hold its national convention, and having first entered the fray, the Socialist party has taken a strategic position and will no doubt make the most of it during the next two months.

There are many reasons why the voter is just now first turning his attention to the political situation.

It is typical of the sham hypocrisy of old party politics. Like master like man. Only the other day Teddy Debs as "undesirable citizen," referred in one of his speeches to "Brother Debs."

The Social-Democrats of Germany are about to hold their party congress at Chemnitz, in fact will have held it ere these lines get to the reader, and sure enough already we have the capitalistic cable reports telling the readers of the country that there is a split brewing in the party over there, this time over the subject of intolerable bossism. For years these tactics have been resorted to by the capitalists interested. Always or the eye of one of the German party conferences there were prophecies of a split. They always prove false, as will be the one this year. The German organization has an enrollment of nearly a million, 110 seats in the Reichstag.

The ethical ideals of Socialism have attracted to it generous souls and have enlisted in its ranks its best adherents. It is these ethical ideals which have inspired the rank and file of the party with a religious and religious devotion. It may be said, indeed, that nothing in the present day is so likely to awaken the conscience of the ordinary man or woman, or to increase the sense of responsibility, as the study of Socialism. The theory of Socialism has proved the turning point in thousands of lives, and converted self-seeking men and women into self-sacrificing soldiers for the masses. The impartial observer can scarcely claim that the bible produces so marked an effect upon the daily habitual life of the average man and woman, who profess to guide their conduct by it, as Socialism does upon its adherents.—Professor Richard T. Ely.

or mill, the name may be transferred to the black list or enlisted in the army of the jobless.

Gives an Opportunity.

It gives the Socialist party organization, however, an opportunity that it is often quick to take advantage of. The list of Socialist party voters at a primary is a valuable asset to the Socialist party organization anywhere, getting the organization in touch with many Socialists and Socialist sympathizers it could not otherwise reach. This is in states where the voters' names are disclosed.

That Socialist party organization, either state, county or municipal, is very much lacking in resources when it cannot turn even capitalist political party made election laws to its own advantage.

It is said of the old party politicians in Milwaukee that they are forced to come to the officials of the Socialists to get the right interpretation and application of the election laws which they themselves have made.

There Are Special Reasons.

There are special reasons why the Socialist campaign should be now warming up, reaching a fever heat at least, by the end of the month. By all precedents the Socialists begin distributing their literature at least the sixth or seventh Sunday before election day. Even the eighth Sunday in many places been determined upon as the great start-off, while there are even other Socialist party local organizations that are at it already. No doubt the coming Sunday before election work in this campaign will result through the distribution of literature

representing conditions, they are too often misled to their own destruction.

Debs in the South.

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana.—Two thousand persons heard Debs at Winter garden.

After calling attention to the capitalist influence back the Republican, Democratic and Progressive parties, Debs continued:

"The Socialist convention met and made its nominations without the funds that attended the other conventions. The members of the Socialist party pay dues, and it is the only party whose dues are paid by each individual member. We know where our funds come from. The Socialist party is the party of the future. It is the party that today appeals to the intellect, to the heart and to human sympathy. We believe that it is right to transfer to the people, as a whole, the great wealth producing machines so that all can enjoy their products, collectively. We believe that the people should own the railroads, the telegraph and telephone systems, the express business, coal fields, sugar plantations, the oil fields and all of our great industries and means of transportation.

"We want these things for the people as a whole and we are the only party that is sincere in an effort to get them and to use them co-operatively."

T. A. M. P. A., Florida.—After a 500-mile trip from Charleston, S. C., Emil Seidel, vice presidential candidate of the Socialist party, entered Florida and made his first speech in Tampa last evening.

The hall was packed with an enthusiastic gathering. The doors were

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The Indian is a great contradiction to the white man. He shows such abilities, such nobility in some directions that one expects him to be and do more than he is able.

BROKE THE MONOTONY.

"Yesterday," complained the Sunday school superintendent, "you boys were so much gayer and so you showed no signs of uneasiness. Yet here you cannot listen to me for 30 minutes without becoming restless. I can't understand why the ball game receives more serious attention."

A Lesson of the Darrow Trial

BY AGNES H. DOWNING.

The Darrow trial has given to the labor world the liveliest lessons of hope and encouragement. It has shown clearly and unmistakably that the great right is right; and that the sympathies of the people are with the world of labor when they have a fair chance to see both sides equally presented.

There was a wonderful scrutiny of the jurors selected to try the case. Socialists were not quickly excluded. The jurors selected were as free from bias as the cunning eyes of capitalism could find.

Witnesses for the prosecution were a host of self-confessed, sordid criminals testifying to secure immunity. Their testimony was corroborated by another host of hired detectives.

During the hearing of the finance committee Monday afternoon on the ordinance authorizing \$245,000 bonds for the Menomonee sewerage system...

"The position of the Social Democrats in the controversy was made clear by Ald. Aldridge.

The people voted favorably on the bonds and the money has been at the disposal of the present administration since last April.

The majority members of the common council desire their position on the sewerage question clearly understood," he said.

A. D. Agnew of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association led the list of society members in favor of the mayor's motion to reject the proposition of the Voters' league.

Supervisor George Mensing started things at the meeting of the county board Tuesday when he introduced a resolution calling for a referendum of the people on the relocation of the coal fields.

A resolution of a former board declared in favor of the "resale" of the real estate owned by Supervisor Davis.

"Well, if it's going to the people the south side will have something to say," cried Supervisor Killip.

Citizens Will Get Busy. The action of the old party supervisors, stamped by Tom Neacy, in voting to locate the new building on the old east side site, had made no hit with the citizens generally.

California's jury system is not the best. A man must be a property owner to serve. Yet this Los Angeles jury, chiefly of ranchers and small business men, were not deceived by cunning, nor over-borne by prestige.

It was also proven that Burns had detectives in the unions; and the former attorney of the M. & M. told the jury that he, while in the employ of the association, had put a spy into every union local in Los Angeles.

Lincoln Steffens testified to how he had gone from member to member of the inner circle of the M. & M., securing their permission that the lives of the McNamaras might be spared.

Labor Asks Union Clause. The bond issue of \$220,000 for the new buildings at the County Home for Dependent Children was unanimously passed.

Neacy and Pfister Busy. Thomas Neacy was not at Tuesday's meeting. One of the "non-partisan" members let the cat out of the bag.

The judiciary committee of the common council heard some plain talking Monday afternoon when City Attorney Hoan told them what he thought of the attempt of property owners along the Sixth street viaduct to take the damage cases from his office and place them in the hands of a board of arbitration.

The complaint of the Poles is that suits are now in the hands of the city attorney and in the cases that have come to the city since 1908, and was received less than 5 per cent of the amount they sought.

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HANS; THE STORY OF A GERMAN BOY BY MARTIN GALE CHAPTER XXIV—Continued.

Because Hans couldn't sit still a minute or stay in one place long Chris who had once read Gulliver's travels nicknamed him Gulliver.

"Oh shut up," replied Hans. "Volcano said, there's no volcano around here. I asked teacher at school and she said, there are no volcanoes that throw out fire in the whole United States. And I'm sure she knows."

"Say but ain't that great," said Fred. "Ain't you glad you came?" replied Hans. "One side of the building that contained the moulds into which the molten iron flowed, forming the pig iron, was built against a little higher ground and at that time there was no fence to keep out inquisitive people and Hans and the other two kids reached an open space in the wall which was about ten feet higher than the floor from which they could oversee the whole space.

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Lester C. Manson, under instructions from City Atty. Hoan, will appear at Madison as the representative of the city in the appeals of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company from the recent decisions of the railroad commission regarding fares in the city and to West Allis and Wauwatosa.

The reasons for this step are obvious. To keep an organization in good working order, care must be kept well informed. Thus the organization retains its solidarity and acts harmoniously and intelligently.

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Carl D. Thompson, candidate for governor, will be ready to begin a thorough canvass for the state. He will speak at Waupun, Sept. 18, in the city hall; Sept. 19 at Stevens Point, Opera house; Sept. 23, Prentice, Opera house; Sept. 24, Phillips, at the county fair; Sept. 28, Oshkosh, Woodmen's hall; Sept. 29, Kaukauna, Kappeler's hall; Oct. 1, Green Bay, Turner hall.

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R. C. McCaleb is at work in Juneau and Green Bay, Sept. 17. He will speak at Wood, Marathon, Taylor, Lincoln, Langlade, Oconto, Marinette, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, Adams, Monroe and La Crosse.

Encouraging reports are coming from Marinette county. A. H. Benson has taken hold of the organization in Marinette county in a very efficient way. He reorganized the local at Marinette and added six new members. Peshtigo is beginning to mobilize the party since the party is organized, there is an organization in Shawano county. Two years ago it was almost impossible to secure a few members-at-large. In this campaign there are three locals, one in Shawano, Neopit and Hilda. The party members are requesting for speakers.

A Little of Everything

The platform of the Progressive party is very like that religious creed of a new sect, into which every one who joined the sect was allowed to insert a declaration of his own most cherished faith.

The income tax is moved to the conclusion that the administration of the tax has been unfortunate in its political effect. The income tax is of Socialist origin, but like many other Socialist measures in the hands of our "Progressives," it has suffered much in its political adoption.

Wisconsin SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

- STATE OFFICERS. Governor—Carl D. Thompson. Lieutenant Governor—Henry M. Parks. Secretary of State—Rae Weaver. State Treasurer—Henry J. Ammann. Attorney General—Lynn D. Joseph. CONGRESSMEN. First district—Joseph Orth, Kenosha. Second district—Edward D. Deuss, Sheboygan. Third district—W. E. Middleton, Madison. Fourth district—W. R. Gaylord, Milwaukee. Fifth district—Victor L. Berger, Madison. Sixth district—Martin Georgan, Manitowoc. Seventh district—C. A. Noetzelman, La Crosse. Eighth district—C. A. Boorman, Grand Rapids. Ninth district—James Oliver, Green Bay. Tenth district—Albert Slaughter, Menomonie. Eleventh district—Ellis B. Harris, Superior.

TO WISCONSIN READERS. The state executive board of Wisconsin at its last meeting took an important step. It decided to pay for the Social-Democratic Herald for three months for all party members who are not now receiving it as subscribers.

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A National Problem

The stanchest, though far from the sincerest supporter of the state income tax, is moved to the conclusion that the administration of the tax has been unfortunate in its political effect.

No one who is a student of income taxation and who is at all familiar with the ease with which the laws of a state may be evaded through change of residence or incorporation could place much reliance upon a state income tax, either as a means of raising revenue or a measure for equalizing the burden of taxation.

The income tax has been tried by many states. Invariably it has proven a failure and been abandoned. A federal income tax, applying to all the states, would place its burden equally and give no opportunity for evasion save by expatriation.

No income tax should be levied upon the wages of clerks and bookkeepers and mechanics and other workers who, even though they are better paid than the bulk of their fellow workers, have a continuous struggle to make both ends meet.

The Socialists have never accepted the Wisconsin law as ideal or even satisfactory—contenting themselves with accepting the principle, which Socialists were first to urge, without approving the details of its administration.

We can not escape the fact, however, that the income tax should be employed by the federal instead of the state governments, though state taxation of incomes may be tolerated as a temporary expedient in the absence of a national tax and pending its adoption.

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