

## CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH

Another Socialist daily has made its appearance in New York City. It is printed in the English language. It was formerly a weekly.

William J. Ghent and Algernon Lee have been added to the editorial staff of the Metropolitan magazine, following the death of William Mailly.

Gustav Hervé, the great anti-war Socialist of France addressed a meeting in England the other day. Although anti-war there was nothing tame in his address.

Some rather uncomplimentary things are said of the rulers in the various manifestos issued against the European war by the Social Democrats in the various European nations.

The poor old czar is now facing the probability that the Socialists will come back as strong as ever in the new Russian parliament. The Socialists are "no gentlemen"—toward the ruling vermin!

Never strike below the belt, fight a fair fight, be a noble adversary—all these elementary precepts of the honorable man are thrown to the winds by the direct action element of "alleged unionists" led by the discredited Haywood and boosted by the demagogic "Reds". The labor movement must be self-respecting or it is contemptible indeed.

While no admirer of Taft, I must confess that there was something tragic and appealing in his conduct in the face of impending defeat. He went down to the polls with impressive dignity. His warmest friend of former days became the leech that gave him his mortal blow. It was a tragedy of capitalist politics, the politics of the fang and claw, so to say.

Well of all things! What torment will come next for the poor individualist? The Social-Democratic members of the parliament of Denmark have been able to force through a law giving subsidies to labor unions for their employed members. I can almost see the look of pained disgust that appears on the faces of those who are in this shocking news. Sammy is in as hard a time of it as the old hen that hatched out ducks.

How Socialism does worry the ruling class! There has developed so much Socialism in the Italian army that the military has sent a circular to all the commanding officers to warn them to see to it that they read only "legitimate" literature. Don't it make you shudder to witness such a sight? The army is past when the inhabitants of earth can be kept from the free use of their reasoning powers. It is a pity what is worrying the titled and uncited masters of men.

The Cleveland Citizen, one of the keenest labor papers in the country is of the opinion that the Wilson regime will permit the country to drift deeper and deeper into the new slavery. It says that the Wilson regime is the tolling mass. Meantime, it says, the working people will do well to bottle their enthusiasm over Wilson's election, if they have any, strengthen their unions and be prepared to fight for their rights whenever and wherever possible. (Whilst awaiting the good things certain political-trading labor men promise to come out of Washington) and continue to read up and think about the social problems with which the country is surrounded, of which is most excellent advice.

A new magazine for the employers of labor is called The American Employer. It presents the capitalistic side very frankly. And it has its ideas as to what constitutes a good working man. It is a magazine for the employer who is contended with the social system that keeps those who are industrious poor. A union telegrapher named Kelly who wrote to the union's magazine protesting against that journal's sponsoring the fact that the "American Employer" is political party, is patted on the head for a good little boy, and is patronizingly told in the heading that he has "sensible ideas". The American employer also shows his hatred of trade unionism in various ways. He tells the employer to plain the existence of the class struggle.

The sad death of J. A. Wayland must have been a shock to every true Socialist in the land. It seems almost inexplicable that the old battle scarred veteran leader, who had fought so bravely for the cause of the working class, should have been killed in an accident. His wife was killed in an accident a year ago. The idea that the elections may have disappointed him is hardly tenable, when we remember that he never took much interest in the political side of any movement. He was a man whose mind was turned into people's heads. Wayland did a great work. He was a wonderful man.

In the leading editorial of the American Employer magazine, there is a wall over the fact that Ohio is voting on a new constitution, embodying many of the dangerous proposals of the Socialist dreamers and blatant leaders of labor. They used to call us dreamers and now they intimate that our dreams are coming true. And how sad it is, indeed, that common people should have an influence in a new constitution that is to govern them and that the ruling class should not have clear sailing in a nation founded to represent the people!

The League of Young Workers in Austria has a membership of 11,000. It is a Social-Democratic party enrollment is 146,612. The party press now consists of six dailies, two bi-weeklies, eleven weeklies and three fortnightly and monthly publications. Together with the trade union press the combined press has a circulation of 800,000.

Has, had Now DeLoente's People is also about the stolen S. L. P. votes in Milwaukee as class conscious, cocksure voters for his party, misled, let us presume, by a Milwaukee follower with more activity than clear vision, who would have us believe that cocksure S. L. P. voters would go to the polls and after voting 1,700 strong for state candidates and also the same number for the blank spaces on the machine in the same row, would only poll 175 votes for the S. L. P. presidential candidate? See any green in our eyes? Being one of the three members of the official county canvassing board, I can bear intimate testimony to the fact that bulk of the 1,700 were voted by confused Social-Democratic voters pulling the "Independent" lever, which lever the old party custodian of the voting machines had left unlocked contrary to it.

## A Retraction

The case of Thomas J. Neacy against Victor L. Berger and the Social-Democratic Herald for alleged libel was settled on Sunday by the receipt by Mr. Neacy of a signed statement from Mr. Berger retracting the statements in the publication. The statement follows:

## "Milwaukee, Oct. 31, 1912.

"To Mr. Thomas J. Neacy: On September 13, 1909, I wrote and caused to be published over my signature in the Social-Democratic Herald an article referring to you. Upon due reflection I am convinced that the statements contained in this article which reflected upon you are untrue and unwarranted, and I regret its publication.

## You are authorized to give this letter

"You are authorized to give this letter such publicity as you desire, and I will myself see that it is published on the first page of the Social-Democratic Herald within 30 days of the date of this letter. Yours truly, VICTOR L. BERGER.

## judged from the fact that at one time

he sought to turn it over to the national party as a gift, but the party organization at that time was not large enough to take the risk. This course was taken also when he was supposed to be dying of cancer. A cancerous growth on his cheek seemed to mark him for an early grave. But a seeming miracle intervened. He took common sense, brushed the cancer off his cheek, and the juices to corrode on a copper penny. He then smeared it on the cancer, suffering excruciating pain, and one day his sorrowful readers received the glad news that the core of the cancer had shriveled and fallen out, leaving only a scar to take the place of his supposed doom.

## The American Federation of Gompers

ROCHESTER, New York.—Cheer upon cheer, salves of applause and enthusiasm that shook the great convention hall, broke forth when Robert Smillie, Scotch coal miner and British fraternal delegate, addressed the American Federation of Labor convention here yesterday.

"We are meeting here to stop at nationalizing the mines and railroads, we are going to nationalize the house of parliament," he said. Five years ago such a speech would have resulted in the speaker being hooted from the platform. One year ago, President Gompers in his annual address denounced the agitator who is talking for co-operative ownership of the means of production and distribution. Yesterday Gompers sat silent. It was a great speech by a great student of the labor question. "I do not care what you call it," said Smillie, "they call it Socialism over in my country. There is not a trade union in Great Britain today which is not thoroughly permeated with it, there is not a trade union there today which would not vote almost unanimously for the nationalization of the mines of England.

"We are organizing the coal miners of the world now in the interest of universal peace. If war shall be declared by any country we will call a conference of the representatives of the miners of the world and if in their judgment this threatened conflict is not in the interest of a new trade union people in the interests of liberty and justice, every miner in the world will lay down his tools and we do not believe any war will last long with the miners of the world lying idle."

## Socialists in A. F. of L. Increase.

Up to the present there has been no real bitterness in the debate on the floor of the convention and it is the hope of the majority that they will be able to avoid any real trouble. Because of the length of time consumed in the reading of the report of the executive committee and the settlement of the minutes of the convention, the convention today began to "speed up" to get the great mass of matters of interest to the organization out of the way.

The opening gun in the fight between the American Federation of Labor trade unionists and industrialists was fired at today's session. Delegate Paul Scharenberg of the San Francisco I. L. O. council introduced a resolution pledging the federation to a campaign of education among the unskilled laborers of the country. "It is now generally recognized," said Scharenberg, in his resolution, "that the millions of so-called migratory unskilled or common laborers of this country must be organized and brought within the protecting fold of the American Federation of Labor, and whereas immeasurable assistance has been rendered in the past by members of all organized skilled crafts if they will give every possible assistance and encouragement to those workers who have been falsely led to believe that the American Federation of Labor is interested in their advancement and uplifting of the crafts already organized; therefore be it resolved, By the thirty-second annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, that we urge upon all affiliated unions to conduct a campaign of education among the unskilled workers that all workers are welcome under the banner of the American Federation of Labor."

ROCHESTER, New York.—Samuel Gompers will probably be re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at the convention which will carry into office along with him most of the present officers of that body. If a real fight is made against Gompers by the Socialists, as is threatened, the chances are that Gompers will be re-elected by more than 100 votes.

It seemed likely today that the candidate of the Socialists would be Duncan McDougall of the United Mine Workers. McDougall is a member of the convention in London. He was a member of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, but whether they succeeded in electing him will not be revealed until the election is reached next week.

A special individual caucus of the convention of the federation, in session here, showed that the attempt to secure enough pledges against Gompers has failed. The resolution, which was introduced at an previous convention of the federation since that held at Norfolk, is still far from sufficient to control.

There will be a fight over a number of the offices. Eugene J. Brays, general secretary of the Journeymen Tailors union, will be named by the Socialists and anti-administration delegates to oppose John E. Lennon for treasurer of the federation. Brays defeated Lennon for election as the delegate of the Journeymen Tailors union in attendance on the convention from Bloomington, Ill. Trades and Labor assembly.

William H. Johnson, president of the International Association of Machinists, will be named by the Socialists for re-election as third vice-president. The opposition to the present administration is desirous of running John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers, for second vice-president. Johnson, however, who has not consented to make the race. He is not a Socialist and the delegates of that faith, who are solidly opposed to John Mitchell, believe that if they can get White to run he will defeat Mitchell, although the latter is expected to have voted friends that White wanted his office, he would gladly retire in his favor.

I. A. CROSSE, Wisconsin.—Encouraged by the increase in their vote in the last election, steps have already been taken by the members of the Social-Democratic party to start its spring, mayoralty campaign at once. A campaign committee of five members has been appointed and is arranging for the political activities. Congressman Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee will deliver an address here Nov. 29 and W. H. Gaylor will speak here Dec. 1.

Some years ago the S. L. P. in Milwaukee was used by the Democratic party as a means of keeping the Social-Democrats from winning an election. The word was passed to the men in the booths to confuse assisted voters into pulling the S. L. P. lever on the machine. Some three thousand votes were thus diverted, and the handful of S. L. P. men in the city took the gift from the dirty hands thankfully and boasted of the great gain their party had made. History sort of repeated itself in the election just passed. The S. L. P. had a state ticket in the field but no local candidates and therefore only a few of the spaces in the "Independent" row. The general lever for this row was left unlocked on the machines contrary to law, and as the knob somewhat overlapped the general lever of the Social-Democratic row it is now clear that many voters got mixed, so that whilst the S. L. P. only cast 175 of the separate ballots for president, the machines showed an S. L. P. vote for governor of 1,700, and a like number for the blank space, showing that they had been voted by the general lever. In other words our party lost that many votes through the mistake of the voters. That this was costly to the labor class may be judged from the fact that it would have elected another Social-Democratic state senator and two more assemblymen—three more labor representatives to battle against capitalism in the making of laws.

The news of the death by his own hand of Julius A. Wayland, better known as simply J. A. Wayland, was especially a shock to the other Social-Democrats of the land, those men who were also active in the pioneering days—days not so very remote, either, as a matter of fact, so rapid has been the growth of the movement in America.

Wayland was a unique figure, and a powerful one in his way. His influence on men who read his writings was almost magical. They would have followed him anywhere and whenever. Many of those who did follow him into the ill-fated Ruskin colony, in spite of appeals from those in that day who were really versed in Socialism. Wayland himself saw that Communism was not Socialism, and he was the one who led the Social-Democrats in one of the troubles that almost naturally followed, he sadly abandoned the colony, leaving with it the big printing plant he had established in the Tennessee backwoods, a plant that was sending his Coming Nation each week to the remotest corners of the world.

Then he started all over again. First, at Kansas City, where he found rents too high, and later at the little Kansas coal town of Girard, where his new paper, the Appeal to Reason, ran up every day. His paper gave the largest circulation of any paper in the United States, and even of the world.

Last week's news dispatches concerning his death had the facts of his career a trifle mixed and had evidently been given out with plenty of color by some interested person.

When he had built his paper to titanic proportions, two young men who were employed by him pulled out and started a paper in imitation of his own, and, which in unusual imitation was a pretty good one. Wayland had a persuasive, critical humor sense style of writing that was peculiarly his own up to that time.

Wayland seemed to have been worried by the new paper, and later on got the two to consolidate with him on their own terms. From that time on Fred Warren took charge of the Appeal, and kept its circulation rising until it now has a clear half million. The story that there were financial worries to blame for Wayland's rash act does not appear to be true. The market commission appointed by the Boston store; Jacob L. Bitker has been prominent in the Milwaukee business world for many years as proprietor of Bitker's department store; Herman Deutsch, president of Herman Deutsch company, is in a grain business; H. E. Brandecker is an automobile manufacturer, and Roy L. Stone is an officer of the German-American bank.



If the People Owned the Trusts That Little Fat Fellow Down There Would be Set to Work Earning His Bread Instead of Being the Bad Little Devil he is Now Allowed to Be!

## City Markets Not All That's Claimed

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 18.—Failure of public markets, along the lines proposed by Mayor Bedding and the "experts" market masters he has gathered about him in an attempt to buy land owned by Ald. Fiebrants for an addition to the Second ward market, is shown in the report of Jacob L. Bitker, chairman of the public market commission. Ald. Fiebrants declined to vote when the matter was considered on the council floor. The greatest objection to the acquisition of this land is the policy apparently adopted by the "non-partisan" committee of purchasing land for markets before they have determined how the market is to be run.

Investigation by the members of the market commission resulted in the discovery that the public markets in many big cities were merely places where the middle men were able to get stalls at a cheap rent and where the consumers suffered because of an agreement among the tradesmen to charge certain prices for their products. The public market had accomplished just the opposite result from what had been intended in these cities. The high cost of living had not been affected in the least, although the housewives were able in some places to get fresh vegetables at the markets.

The market commission appointed by Mayor Seidel was made up of representative business men, acquainted with the management of large concerns. Nat Stone, chairman of the commission, has been instrumental in building up the big business of the Boston store; Jacob L. Bitker has been prominent in the Milwaukee business world for many years as proprietor of Bitker's department store; Herman Deutsch, president of Herman Deutsch company, is in a grain business; H. E. Brandecker is an automobile manufacturer, and Roy L. Stone is an officer of the German-American bank.

Libel Law of Wisconsin is Framed for Capital, Says Victor L. Berger in Explanation of Statement Involving the Neacy Libel Suit

## Socialist City Attorney After Gas Co.

Five millions of dollars taken from the people of Milwaukee has disappeared. It is clearly gone and there is no telling when it will be returned. But that it is gone is firmly established. Just how it went, and when and to whom will be brought out Wednesday when City Attorney Daniel Hoeneke and other citizens who are interested in securing lower gas rates, appear before the rate commission at Madison to argue for a lowering of the rates charged by the Milwaukee Gas Light company.

The hearings before the state rate commission Wednesday will again reopen the long fight to secure lower rates for the citizens of Milwaukee. In the 1911 legislature a bill to give Milwaukee 80 cent gas was introduced. At once the gas company hired its lawyers to Madison, and at a legislative hearing Mayor Seidel, City Attorney Hoeneke and others were told that the much better way would be to go before the rate commission and that some of these statements could not be proven under the libel laws, and to the satisfaction of juries in which the working class has little or no representation and that such statements were therefore legally unwarranted and untrue.

Farthermore, upon reflection that our movement has no millionaire exploiters and lumber pirates to pay any heavy damages that may be directed by some antagonistic judge, however, not to stifle the liberty of the labor press too much, because sabotage, dagger and bomb—weapons which I have often rejected for the class struggle—are sure to take the place of the written word, if the written word is suppressed.

No Millionaire Exploiters. "However, I believed every word I wrote at the time when I wrote it, even under the libel laws of the state of Wisconsin. And my retraction cannot be considered otherwise. It is a retraction after the reflection that some of these statements could not be proven under the libel laws, and to the satisfaction of juries in which the working class has little or no representation and that such statements were therefore legally unwarranted and untrue.

## Libel Laws Archaic.

"Moreover, conditions just now are unparalleled. The libel laws of our state are archaic and entirely in favor of the capitalist class. The juries are particularly selected with a view of representing and helping the interests of the capitalist class. Almost all the judges belong to the capitalist class. And a Socialist publication and a Socialist editor is absolutely at the mercy of that fine combination.

"Under such conditions I owed it to the Milwaukee Social-Democratic party to the trades union movement, and to the Leader which has grown to be a great daily newspaper with some financial responsibility, to swallow my personal pride and retract all that part of the article written in the year 1909 that could not be proven under the Wisconsin libel laws by the satisfaction of a jury of 12."

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THE KERNEL OF THE NUT

The struggle for existence has a very simple cause. And the remedy is to take away the cause. The cause of the struggle is that those who work do not own the means by which they work...

The one man owned, then the thing that tool helped to produce belonged to the man who worked the tool, for the man who worked the tool was the same as the man who owned the tool...

The men who own, but do not work the tool, try to get as much surplus value as possible, and give as little value as possible to the workers...

THE FOLLY OF WAR

War, with its attendant horror, bloodshed, death and nameless graves, robs the world of its brightest and the rich alone it saves...

The Full Dinner Pail

A few campaigns ago the G. O. P. had for its slogan, "The Full Dinner Pail." The full dinner pail racket worked all right for the workers...

Regulation

One week after the recent election the telephone and telegraph trust announced a scheme for starting a \$10,000,000 pension fund for the benefit of its employees...

SIBERIA

By the czar's ukase Siberia is at last to lose all of its old penal colony character and will become for the first time in more than a century a country for freemen...

WE ARE COMING

The Socialist party does not accept the dogma of the harmony of interests between the capitalist and the workingman...

Socialist parties have reached positions of commanding prominence. This view is amply substantiated by Prof. Robert F. Hoxie...

LITTLE HELPS

A couple of months ago we mentioned the woman who complained that her husband's vacation, at full salary, was so short while she was greatly distressed that her servants expected half-wages while the family was away...

servant's pension fund. No wonder the Socialist party grows. Argument advanced in a Morristown, N. J. classroom by a 16-year-old girl...

Measures, Not Men

As the capitalist interests become more dominant and acute, representative government gradually ceases to be a government "of, for, and by" the people...

A Thrifty Frenchman

Mrs. Andrew Lang tells of a Frenchman in whose chateau was a window which Henry IV had once scratched the inscription "Dieu garde de mal venir" on 23 de Septembre, 1589...

That Catholic Citizen

Catholic Citizen.—Tuesday's election brought into prominent public position a larger number of Catholics than ever before in the country...

"OUR" WEALTH

The classification of the mineral wealth of the public domain, the Geological Survey announces, is being steadily carried forward by the survey...

TRIUMPHANT PHILOSOPHY

"And you mean to tell me," drawled the disciple, "that there is some good in every mosquito?"

FREE TO YOU—MY SISTER

I am a woman. I know woman's sufferings. I will make free of any charge, my best treatment with full instructions to any sufferer from menstrual ailments...

Free to You and Every Sister Suffering from Woman's Ailments.

I want to send you a receipt for my best medicine free to prove to you that you can cure yourself at home, easily, quickly and surely...

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SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC NOTES

National Socialist Campaign Manager Barnes says in his ante-election statement: "At least eight Socialist congressional candidates were defeated not only by an open and flagrant alliance between the old parties, in most of these districts but one capitalist candidate appeared and the issue was distinct, Capitalism vs. Socialism."

"I will object," said the city attorney. "We have had enough talk about the case and I don't want any newspaper acrobatics."

The judge denied the request and Mayor Lunn remarked that the case against him was "out and dried."

No student of the election figures can fail to understand the significance of the tremendous jump in the Socialist vote. Debs got over 100 per cent more votes than he did four years ago, when the high water mark of Socialism in this country was reached.

The remarkable increase in the vote is due to some what to the increasing campaign which Socialists conduct. They never stop working. There is no holiday season for them. But probably the most potent factor in winning support during the past four years has been the high cost of living. The manner in which prices have risen has afforded Socialist speakers a splendid opportunity to make an appeal.

Standing for the government control of sources of production and transportation, as well of course, as for many other things familiar to every one, they have been able to play with much success upon the public. The argument that if the government were more paternal the cost of living would drop, evidently has been received with favor.

Orland, Cal.—The Debs vote rose here from 17 in 1910 to 44 this time. Menomonic, Wis.—Debs in 1908 had 33, this year 53.

Marquette, Wis.—Debs in 1908 had 53, this year 107.

Johnson County, Wis.—In 1908 Debs had 13 in this county. This year he had 31.

Hillsborough County, Fla.—Debs, 693; Roosevelt, 195; Taft, 118; Wilson, 2,195.

The total vote cast for presidential elections in Stanislaus county, Cal., was 7,901. Debs, 504; Wilson, 4,082; Roosevelt, 3,113; Chadwick, 381.

Lowell, Wyo.—Debs, 11; Roosevelt, 11; Taft, 39; Wilson, 11.

Although defeated, Ralph Criswell, president of the Typographical union at Los Angeles, Cal., made a commendable run as a candidate for congress on the Social-Democratic ticket from one of the California districts in the recent election.

Little Falls, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Mayor George E. Lunn of Schenectady was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail for violation of a city ordinance in addressing a gathering of strikers at Clinton park in this city.

When Mayor Lunn and his attorney, Frank Cooper of Schenectady, appeared before Judge Collins, Cooper pleaded that Lunn had been asked to make a speech in his own behalf before sentence was announced.

Ameringer Discusses Wilson and the Trusts

For half a century the "small man" followed the political creed of plutocracy under the childish belief that he, too, belonged to the Morgans and Rockefeller.

So, in spite of all that has been said and written in terms of anti-trust law and anti-trust administrations, big business is enlarging its sphere at a tremendous pace.

Of this condition arose the Bull Moose movement and the revolt against Taft that landed Wilson in the white house. As a result of its victory the polls the middle class will obtain—nothing.

There can be no question that the small man belongs to the trust magnates. Only in a different way than he imagines. The fact is, the trusts are rapidly reducing the independent middle men to vassals, camp followers and nonentities.

Thus it comes about that the consolidation and concentration of industrial plants is followed by an enormous increase of the middle class.

But Mr. Wilson will not destroy the trusts. He will not even arrest their development. No man and no set of men can do that.

There was a time when almost every little burg had its own brewery. Many of these are closed down. Others hang on by the skin of their teeth.

But what kind of an independence does the saloonkeeper enjoy? The building in which the saloon is located belongs to the trust magnates.

Like blind Sampson, this class stands between the pillars of the temple of industry. It cannot destroy without being buried beneath its ruins.

magazines, though none but his Toronto and Ontario comrades will ever realize how great a soul passed from the struggle when the words were sorrowfully whispered, "Comrade Shier is dead."

From an editorial paragraph in the New York Press we learn that Mr. Gompers is rejoicing over the defeat of the Socialist congress.

81 OUR YOUNG FOLKS

The Balkan War and the Working Class

The last remnants of the Turkish empire will finally have to give way to political units, which are more thoroughly representative of capitalist ideas.

The Roumanian peasant, certainly unopposed by any fostering care of the Turkish government, rebelled but recently against the genuine Roumanian government of today, and their unforgotten brothers had to put down the uprising by force of arms.

customed to European desired, and in order to satisfy these they hastened to turn the ancient feudal obligations of the peasants into capital.

It is, therefore, clearly up to us to enlighten the masses on the appropriate attitude of the Gompers rejoicing.

or injured its master had only to bring it to the hospital, where it was cared for without regard to the caste of its owner, and where, if necessary, it found an asylum in old age.

heaven, let them get up." The tipsy fellow with difficulty, got to his feet, looking all about the room in a sort of dazed way, then finally stammered out:

"Mr. Preacher! I dunno as I understand (hic) just what we're votin' on, but by gosh, it is cert'n that a a smashin' big majority here agin' you and me."—R. A. Dague.

Do Animals Have Souls? A great many people contend that if humans live after death, animals do also.

"The horse is the most useful animal we have; what would we do without them? and often after a long and useful life in man's employ, in old age, they are turned out to starve and die, after they have earned thousands of dollars for their masters, and should be sheltered and taken care of in their declining years, the same as man.

"I once raised a horse, and when he was small I taught him to kiss me, and I sold him, and after he had been gone seven years the man who owned him brought him to me to see him; and he came right up to me to kiss me. I could have taken my oath then, it was him.

"Another horse I raised seemed to understand what I meant when I talked to him. I used to often leave him without being tied and tell him to stay there until I came and he was always sure to be there, a more faithful creature never lived.

"All these things go to prove that the teachings of man are not what they should be, or boys would not grow up to be so cruel to their horses for the horse is an intelligent animal and knows when his master is kind to him, and will go to meet him when he sees him coming, and will whinny for him."

I repeat here what I have before said to Our Young Folks, that the boy or girl who is unkind to animals or birds is certain to be a cranky, sour, ill-natured old man or woman without friends.—R. A. Dague.

Did Preacher Convert Dog? When I was a boy 60 years ago, religious revivals were held frequently in the villages of Ohio.

This incident came under my own observation. I have heard of other amusing episodes. One is where a minister, after an eloquent revival sermon, said: "Now all you people who desire to live religious lives, and go to heaven when you die, will arise to your feet."

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When the poor of Germany devour ravenously dead horses and dogs, and when the German cities take into their own hands the important meat, things must be bad indeed.

Mr. Gompers may perhaps not admit this in his American Federationist, for, though stern and inflexible in strict justice upon the evildoer, he is as the same time as modest as he is sonorous.

As for the million Socialist votes, he reckons not of them. Is not he—"union labor"—a host in himself, two millions strong?

Whose labor?—Ex.