

CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH

Social-Democracy has been raising the common folks in the scale of things. The common people are now able to have a say as to the question of war.

It is reported that since the Metropolitan Magazine has come out for Socialism that its circulation has increased at the rate of 10,000 a month. It now circulates over 250,000.

Under capitalism the right of discharge becomes a whip of scorpions, to be used sometimes regrettably, sometimes thoughtlessly, sometimes brutally, sometimes ferociously and spitefully.

The conservatives have been routed in the parliament of Norway. Eighteen Social-Democrats were elected. The Liberals have 78, and the Conservatives, 20. The complete count may give the Socialists five more seats.

The locals round the country are beginning to respond to that Kerr-Marcy circular that so grossly insulted Keir Hardie, by telling Kerr & Co. what they think of such alleged Socialism. Branch six of Local New York has sent such a letter, calling the circular scurrilous.

New York thought it had a fifty-first story fire the other day, but it proved to be merely some misdirected smoke that had gone through a ventilator before the long smoke stack from the ground to the dizzy height of the roof had been warmed up by a newly built fire. In the remote future the remains of our newspapers will be as much of a marvel as the pyramids are to us today, although there will not be as much speculation as to why they were built.

The party members in Marshall, Texas, some time ago leased a tract of land to establish a park and built a pavilion on it. They went in debt for the pavilion and the swings and other furnishings, expecting the park to pay for its own improvement. This did not prove the case, and they are asking the movement at large to help them financially, in the "political park" in the United States. Anyone inclined to give may address R. A. Patrick, R. F. D. No. 1.

The Socialists elected a tax commissioner in Hoboken, N. J., at the election just past, and now he has been refused his seat on the score of not being a property owner. The owner of the real estate. Did someone tell me this was a nation of the people and by the people, or is it in reality of the dollars and for the dollars? If we could back Uncle Sam in a corner and make him give a square deal to the people, the worth while, in the face of all this old party hypocrisy about radical measures.

It looks very much as if the Socialists played the trump card in the European war game. Their threat was a potent one. To bring about a labor uprising when the war was in progress, they were trying to send the working class off to the field of murder and gore would be to paralyze the recruiting and take the noise out of the war trumpets. What a big thing it was, when the war was in progress, that they should fight or not! But labor has to do the fighting, and who else has a better right to decide such a question?

Further details of the cowardly assault on Mahlon Barnes by William Haywood are at hand. After striking Barnes the other party, the man and woman ran out of the convention hall. Gompers had seen the assault from the main hall and cried: "Big Bill Haywood has just struck a delegate." A number of delegates started in pursuit, following Haywood across the street. The man and woman finally took refuge in a laundry after the crowd had temporarily halted him and given him some rough handling. Women protected him by barricading the doors until the police arrived. Five of them were arrested. Among the organizers of the protest are: ex-president of the student body, an ex-editor of the student paper, two members of the varsity football team, five members of the board of control (the governing board of the students), and many other prominent students. Over 300 other students afterwards signed statements endorsing the action of the fifty-one.

Why the protest? Because, as the insurgent students contend, the source of the gift is corrupt. In their protest they charge that Blithem, when in Minneapolis, had used his newspaper as an organ of a traction magnate after receiving financial aid amounting to over \$100,000; that in Seattle he had worked hand in hand with the vice ring; that he had been the personal adviser and supporter of Charles Wapenstein, former chief of police who is now serving a term in prison; and that he was a supporter of the operators of the vendolin district. After reciting evidence in support of these objections, the students assert that:

"We believe that no institution of learning can be free to combat the sinister influences that pervade American society when it accepts donations and erects monuments to men who typify these same anti-social influences. We thoroughly believe that from the standpoint of Mr. Blithem and his paper the donation of these chimes to our university is the best financial investment they have ever made, since it will permanently handicap the institution which has been, and should continue to be, the strongest foe to the things which Mr. Blithem and his paper represent."

THE LAW'S CONTEMPT FOR JUSTICE.

When a soldier deserts from the army he naturally seeks work of some kind, and with this object in view he scans the advertisements in the papers. This fact is well known to the authorities, and hundreds of deserters have been caught by the following trick: An advertisement is inserted in the newspapers by some pawnbroker who is in league with the police. The advertisement states that generous terms are offered for the purchase of military cloaks or boots. These are generally the only articles of military attire which a deserter retains, and he is naturally attracted by the opportunity of disposing of them. He answers the advertisement, the pawnbroker gives particulars to the police, and within a few days the deserter probably finds himself in charge of a military escort. Sometimes the advertisement is varied, and states that a private collector is desirous of obtaining specimens of the badges of particular regiments. The "private collector" is, of course, the deserter's captor, who makes inquiries about all who reply to his advertisement, with a view to finding out whether they should not be wearing his majesty's uniform.

Sometimes the ruses adopted are very amusing. In Lancashire, for example, a constable suspected a well-set-up young man of being a deserter, and was anxious to confirm his suspicions. He managed to make a "suspicion" certainty by the following method. As he was passing the young man he started whistling the tune popularly known as "Army Duff" in time to the young man's footsteps. Doing this generally makes Tommy wild at any time, but the insult, coming at a time when the young man particularly wanted to disguise the fact that he was an army man, proved too much for his temper, and he showed so strong a desire to "go" for that musical constable that the latter's suspicions were confirmed, and the man was eventually arrested as a deserter.—London Tit-Bits.

"The distribution of agricultural and industrial products is extremely wasteful and practically doubles the cost of production to the consumer."

Trust-Fed Charity

BY RICHARD MATHICUM

He was a poor ex-president. Dependent, jobless, "saw": His toes were out, his clothes were rent; He hung from a cord around his neck. Exciting rather than the wreck Of four years' salary. Three hundred thousand plunks in gold He got while he was there. And then was turned out in the cold. A hunger and throbbed: A victim of ingratitude. No one would be had he. Naught but the nation's splintitude. No hope save charity. Four years he'd labored hard to bend The congress to his will To aid the poor in this end? To wind blows fierce and shrill. When he sees a helping hand To ease his pain, he'll be glad. One of the trust-protected band In steel and armor plate. A man of will and pride and power As president was he. He'll be trusted in an hour A wreck of poverty. And must the men who've ruled this land Be cared for by the fatted head Of trust-fed charity?—New York World.

"Austria's Fear. There is nothing for Austria to do but to prevent the formation of the new Slav state—by diplomacy if possible but by force of arms if necessary."

"Austria's business, therefore, is to find a way of interfering in the Balkans to the detriment of the Slav element. Intervention by itself alone and against all Europe would be impossible, however, so Austria plans to secure the intervention of all three nations of the triple alliance—Austria, Germany and Italy."

"If this plan is to succeed it must be accepted by Italy and as Italy has some interest in Albania, the maintenance of Albanian integrity has been made the pretext for intervention. Should Italy insist on this point jointly with Austria, Germany will also be dragged into the situation, not because it is interested in Albania, but because it is interested in Italy, by placing itself in opposition to the rise of Slav power, will antagonize Russia and be forced to bind itself more firmly to the triple alliance."

Socialists Want to Know. "At present, therefore, the Socialists, and I believe the greater part of the people of Italy, demand of the Italian government to know if an agreement regarding Albania exists between Austria and Italy."

"Albania just now is part of territory in which the allies' armies are entitled to freedom of action. No European nation which wishes to remain faithful to the principle of peace among the powers can take the initiative in coercing the Balkan states concerning Albania."

"Whatever the Italian government's attitude regarding Austria's attempt to prevent the rise of the Slav, I feel I can say that the great majority of the Italian people and a great majority of all lovers of liberty and peace throughout the world demand that the Balkan nations be allowed whatever rights they won, as well as a free opportunity for the greatest growth and development of which they may be capable."

A SYRIAN LEGEND. After Eve was driven from the Garden of Eden, according to one old Syrian legend, she had a large number of little ones. And one day, shining in the sky, the angel the Lord came. "Frantically, the woman worked to make her children presentable. The time was short, so she washed and cleaned the pretty, the strong, and the happy ones. The lame, the blind, the hunchback, the one who hid below the earth and bade them be very quiet while God was there."

And the Lord came and viewed the pretty children. And then He said: "Woman, what hast thou done? Eve trembled. And then the Lord said: "Thou hast brought sorrow into the world for all time to come. Already these pretty ones have forgotten that those thou hast hidden are their brothers and sisters. Already they think themselves the salt of the earth. And those others—thou hast consigned them to darkness and toil and sorrow. Always, because of thy deed, there will be those who have plenty and dwell in the sunshines; and Eve's other children, forgotten, sitting in places of gloom, toiling, moiling, they and their children and their children's children."

THE IDEA!

Law—"Who's that trying to flirt with me?"



Hunt (General Theological Seminary), Prof. Vladimir Karapetoff (Cornell), Prof. F. L. Kennedy (Harvard), Prof. Gustav A. Kleene (Trinity), Prof. William A. McKeever (Kansas State Agricultural), Prof. F. A. McKenzie (Ohio State University), Prof. Lionel S. Marks (Harvard), Prof. Thomas O. O'Boiger (Pennsylvania), Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt (Cornell), Prof. E. O. Smith (Connecticut Agricultural), Prof. Henry Tabor (Clark), Prof. Wil-

Only the Unthinking Men Think Our Civilization Cannot Decay

BY ALLAN L. BENSON. Gentlemen who like to dream upon volcanoes may do so. Statesmen who are prone to ponder upon the "high degree of human happiness" that pervades our blessed country may ponder their heads off. Facts seldom awaken or enlighten such persons. But notwithstanding their stupidity and mendacity, the facts about our "blessed" country are coming out. These facts are not coming as rapidly as we might wish, but they are coming with the irresistibility of a glacier. And they show that this country is neither blessed nor happy.

death," said Mr. Hoffman, "is equivalent to a contempt for a tolerable existence that is without a parallel in all history." Since then Mr. Hoffman has discovered something else. He has discovered that the homicide record of the United States for 1911 breaks, not only all of our own homicide records since we became a nation, but all of the homicide records of the world. Our rate was 7.2 homicides to each 100,000 of population. The rate of England and Wales was 0.9. In other words, there are more than seven times as many homicides in the United States in proportion to population, as there are in England and Wales.

ably printed in books. They see no vandals who are about to overrun us. Unthinking men believed the same in George's day. He said to them: "Whence shall come the new barbarians? Go through the squalid centers of great cities and you may see, even now, their gathering hordes! How shall learning perish? Men will cease to read, and books will kindle fires and be turned into cartridges. . . . And invention has given us, not merely the steam engine and the printing press, BUT PYROLYTUM, NITRO-GLYCERIN AND DYNAMITE!"

Wales are low. But hope is not yet dead in the United States. It is only dying. But it is dying hard. It is dying the harder because we, in this country, once dared to hope for so much. We believed this country to be, as "The Star Spangled Banner" said it was, "The land of the free and the home of the brave." We are beginning to realize that, instead, it is the land of the trust and the home of the law—AND WE DON'T LIKE IT! We are killing ourselves because we don't like it. We are killing others because we don't like it.

Make The Milwaukee Leader Lead!

Milwaukee's Socialist victories have given the Socialist party of America a dignity, a prestige, a standing in American politics that is enviable. In the remotest village in the land—wherever two or three are gathered together in the name of working class emancipation—a new inspiration, a stronger impulse, a more pronounced impetus has been given because of the inter-national socialism.

party was purposely organized to corral the radical vote, yet in spite of all this, the party received a million votes, more than doubling its strength of four years ago. Did not the Socialist victories in Milwaukee in the past help mightily in this most hopeful awakening? Will not subsequent victories in Milwaukee have a further effect on the workers of the nation? Obstacles seemingly insurmountable have been overcome and out of the disappointments and defeats of the past, the Socialists of Milwaukee have not only reared a monument of brick process and steel and printing equipment but they have erected a grander monument—a nobler shaft—THE SOLIDARITY OF LABOR.

the spirit and substance of Socialism, existing together now in 1912. See this wonderful institution; this magnificent organization and see if tears of gratitude and pride do not well up in your eyes. Will this monument to Socialism stand for lack of practical support? Will the capitalists of America scoff at us; ridicule and deride us for our failure to continue the work we have so auspiciously begun? You can answer these questions, Comrade. You have answered similar questions in the past with a matchless fidelity. Answer this one now! If we cannot send Comrade Berger to Congress we can send a message from the Socialists of America that Milwaukee's great Socialist daily will be in the thick of your fight to the finish. If you buy these bonds they do not immediately bear interest—not until

the Leader is on a paying basis. But your money is as safe as it would be if invested in government bonds. These bonds are an insurance. They will insure you personally against the crushing blows of capital; they will insure your unions in their right to strike and boycott; they will insure your party against capitalist conspiracy and disintegration. Is not all this protection worth \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00 of your earnings? Is it not far better to SAFELY invest \$5.00 to \$25.00 to give private bankers the benefit of YOUR money. Subscribe for, at least, one bond, Comrade. You can subscribe NOW and pay LATER. Take two, five or ten if you can. Strike a good hard telling blow for socialism. DO IT NOW. Fill in the blank spaces below and remit NOW by check, money order or registered letter.

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A Stitt Wilson Speech to Read at Your Leisure Right Tactics vs. Wrong

The following speech was delivered by J. Stitt Wilson in California previous to election. It has lost none of its force and is as pertinent now as when it was made.

Friends and Comrades: I wish to speak particularly to those in the audience who come to hear Victor Berger, but are not Socialists. My mind, these very eventful political days, seems to hover around the records of American history. I am carried back to that great step in our development—the Declaration of Independence. The soul of that splendid document rested in the fact that each man should count for one and no more than one. The second great document was the emancipation proclamation which sounded the note of freedom for 4,000,000 slaves. True, it was signed by Abraham Lincoln as a war measure, but it was a great stride forward—the second great stride—and it registers the decree that no man should own another.

These two great documents were penned within the space of one hundred years. Fifty years have rolled by and we are now on the point of registering a third immortal document. This new document shall be the crown of civilization's long march from barbarism. How is it to be written? The two first documents were written in the blood of our fathers. Shall this one be written in ink or in blood? (Voice from the audience—"Ink.") "Ink, we pray," cried Wilson.

Socialism Soul of Revolt.

This great Socialist movement is the soul of revolt. Our incessant agitation is breaking up the fetters of the mind. There is only one way to accomplish our freedom and lift humanity up without striking it down. We are taking that way. We are writing

the decree with the ballots of the working class. You will write with your ballots or with your blood. The revolution is upon us and we of the Socialist movement see it and we alone in this world are trying to steer that revolution through peaceful channels. We are trying to wean you from your indifference and ignorance and from the glittering generalities of William Jennings Bryan, from the sophistries of Woodrow Wilson and from the "red herrings" of Theodore Roosevelt. They are juggling with the main issue of the day while men and women perish.

The great "Commoner" on this platform last night spent one-third of his time in describing the Republican convention; another third was spent on the Democratic convention; the last third at least should have been spent in giving us some great constructive thought, but it was not so. He did not touch the issue.

I have read Roosevelt's speeches—have read acres of them. You have to do it. It spreads out like the ink. But I have waded through them and I challenge you to give me the sentence that faces this issue.

Of course he mentions the minimum wage and child labor laws and women's eight-hour laws, and of course the working class would be glad to get some of those things. We are glad that some one is thinking even remotely of those things. But, my friends, do you think that the minimum wage law faces the issue? It does not. It is just an aspect of the issue. There is nothing in the man's writings that faces the issue. There is no suggestion of social ownership, nor of anything that would guarantee to the workers the product of their toil.

Now, I am not asking for votes. I am now speaking with conscious patriotism. And I say to you, our greatest men in these great parties are juggling with the main issue. They are deceiving you and preventing you from writing in ink what ought not to be written in blood.

We of the Socialist party want to see peace. We want no more Bling-bams—no more Homesteads—no more San Diegos—no more misery and crime. We want peace, and you want peace, but you can't have peace by juggling with the main issue.

We have made two great strides forward from a condition that is fundamentally wrong. The first stride was made in the Declaration of Independence; the second in the emancipation proclamation; the third is upon us now. What is it to be?

I have called up these old political parties for the dark background of the picture. Sixty years ago the great men of that day came forward with compromise. John Calhoun and Henry Clay offered many splendid things in compromise to preserve the old slave system. Daniel Webster compromised his very soul on the question of slavery when conditions were at their bloodiest before the war began. Those men bore the same relation to slavery that the great political leaders of today bear to the vital issue that confronts us now.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Slavery is morally, socially and politically wrong. Change one word—institute capitalism for slavery—and the saying is just as true. Indeed, capitalism is more wrong than slavery. There are more degraded women and more hungry men in the north today than there were slaves in the south before

the war. Moreover, the amount of surplus wealth that is wrung from the hands of the workers in the north today is greater than the amount that was flched from the southern slaves by their proprietors.

I say to you: Let us be patriots let us be lovers of men and of truth. Let the world know that America knows that we stand for no compromise with the hideous capitalist system. It must be undermined. It must be overthrown. Wage slavery must go. There is only one constructive principle that will abolish wage slavery. We must take the law to take over the ripe industries that are used to exploit the workers and operate them for the common good. We must make the whole people industrially free.

How do we propose to do it? We will fill the houses of the legislature by our ballots with the representatives of the working class—with the members of the working class—the members of the working class will be the members of the legislature. We will bring the naked soldiers of liberty from the men who claim they love that flag, while they grind the people in their money mills. They lie. George Washington, in fought to give us this country for liberty, not for plutocracy. That is what that flag means—liberty. Abraham Lincoln said we must preserve this nation for the whole people. When a trust—good or bad—seizes that flag—when the plutocrats of America claim that flag—they are betraying the naked soldiers of liberty. Abraham Lincoln said we must preserve this nation for the whole people. When a trust—good or bad—seizes that flag—when the plutocrats of America claim that flag—they are betraying the naked soldiers of liberty. Abraham Lincoln said we must preserve this nation for the whole people. When a trust—good or bad—seizes that flag—when the plutocrats of America claim that flag—they are betraying the naked soldiers of liberty.

BY JOE E. COHEN.

Once again the American Federation of Labor has had its annual convention and the capitalist press hurrahs the defeat of the Socialists.

However late the hour may be, we think it is none too late to hint to that same press that they have been missing several golden opportunities of announcing the defeat of the Socialist party at the polls.

Here we have been watching the Socialist party enter the campaign lists year after year, and capitalism still rules. Why does not the capitalist press exult over it?

It had better soon begin, for it may have no chance of doing it later on.

The defeat of the Socialist party at the polls is about on a par with the defeat of the progressive element in the trades union movement. They are defeated by the same ratio.

That is to say, both are making rapid gains.

It is something to be proud of that the greatest international union of all, the United Mine Workers of America, is now in pretty good hands, and is shaping itself into better form as the conventions roll by.

The machinists have been coming along, and the tailors, cigar makers and carpenters are rounding up. Of course the brewers, bakers, switchmen and metallurgical miners have been in the van of progress since some time back.

And when one begins to call the progressive organizations, one begins to realize that considerable numbers of the rock bottom trades unions are being catalogued, and that the sweep of the trades union movement itself is upward.

And it goes without saying that the Socialists in the American Federation of Labor are doing their part well, and it has been a big part.

For they are accomplishing the hardest and (what is for the moment) the most thankless task of all—removing the rust of the trades union movement and carrying it along.

It is a very simple operation, and one that appeals to certain superior types of social saviors, and to go aloof from the rank and file and save the workers from the degrading methods of the rock bottom trades unions, to induce to colonize, to form a small company of selected utopians, who separate themselves from the rest of

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You can get Stuart's Calcium Wafers at any drug store at 50 cents a box. Begin taking them today and then look at yourself in the mirror in a few days. You'll find all the awful pimples, black-heads, acne, boils, itchy spots, rashes, eczema, and that muddy complexion rapidly disappearing and your face cleared like the petals of a flower.

Socialism is Coming!

In the Northland; in the Southland; in the East and in the West, you will find the nation's workers in a state of great unrest. Some are working; some are idle; some are thinking; some are asleep. All are striving for existence. As they sow so do they reap. For the workers vote to power those who formulate their laws. And when idle, cold and hungry, they cannot discern the cause. Why is it strong men are idle? Why, their children can create wealth as great and vastly cheaper, working early hours and late. Millions of our nation's children working for starvation's wage. Grinding heart and brain to profits, is the disgrace of our age. Even children, little children, are compelled to work and strive for a mouthful, and existence at the tender age of five. When their little hearts should never know of hunger and unrest. And their little heads be pillowed on a loving mother's breast. But the mother has no power of exemption from the cause; irresponsible as childhood of our plutocratic laws. For the father votes the system, votes himself an idle time. Votes his children into sweat-shops, into servitude and crime. Men how can you be such monsters? Have you no regard of manhood left? Have you lost your love for childhood? Are you of all sense bereft? Poverty is your just portion; ignorance your shameful due; For bequeathing to your children that which ignorance gave you. "O, the happy days of Childhood!" Yes, they should be happy days. But in childhood, as in nature, life is a struggle for existence. Not alone is outraged childhood. God alone can know the pain, suffered by the old and feeble,

What of the Social Misfit?

BY JULIAN LEAVITT.

Every year the United States some half million men, women and boys are given a taste of prison life. Most of these people are not real criminals. They are merely social misfits. Some never had a chance. Some threw away the chance they had. The great majority of them have been blinded only for the first time. At the bottom they are human. Surely they deserve another chance. The theory of our law gives them that chance. The practice of our law does not give them that chance.

Our whole prison system is a failure chiefly because of the contract labor system which exploits the prisoner for private gain while the prisoner's family suffers.

The prisoner is an ideal laborer for the standpoint of some manufacturers; he does not strike; he does not ask living wages; he is the ideal human work animal.

In more than half of our state prisons today the convicts are leased to manufacturers for from thirty to sixty cents a day per man which includes a factory tax free.

These prices include, besides labor, heat, light, power, machinery, and rent, thus making grossly unfair competition to outside employers and to employees.

Men enter prisons usually guilty but not corrupt. The contract labor system sends them out guilty and corrupt, and sometimes prevents a convict's parole.

Men who profit by the system are sometimes known in their communities for philanthropy and Christianity

IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

George R. Lunn, Socialist mayor of Schenectady, N. Y., told in dramatic fashion Sunday night to a crowd that filled Plankinton hall in the Auditorium, the story of his arrest and imprisonment in Milwaukee, Wis., during the recent strike of the textile workers.

"These are the times that try men's souls," declared Lunn, "especially if you happen to live in the vicinity of Little Falls."

It seems that these are the times when they try men's bodies—and after they do, they provide a suitable bastle. I am going to have to accept the hospitality of the Herkimer county jail."

Get Enemy Together.

"I would rather be defeated and have the lineup right than to win with the enemy divided," he said. "Your defeat is my victory, and my victory, and the eastern capitalist newspapers admitted that it was a Socialist victory. They are going to unite against us in Schenectady when the next election comes around. But we have a little plan by which we are going to beat them, and you just watch and see if we do not."

Milwaukee Paving Scandal

The unprecedented spectacle of a "non-partisan" alderman objecting to the "non-partisan" paving was the headline attraction at the adjourned meeting of the council Wednesday night.

Although the exhibit was of interest to the Social-Democrats in the council, it did not appeal to the aesthetic tastes of the "non-partisans," for so many of them failed to pay the appropriate attention to the exhibit that the history of the present administration it was necessary to make a call of the house.

Before the delinquent members were brought in, however, a very brilliant and eloquent speech was made by Ald. Harry Dempsey. He moved that the call be raised, and the motion prevailed. Then the meeting adjourned and the members present went home.

Later in the evening, after the session had been turned over to various "non-partisan" stragglers from over the city began to arrive at the city hall in response to the call, and what they said about the man who had made the "non-partisan" call would look worse in print.

Wrangle Over Paving.

When the report of the city comptroller, containing the assessment of the department of public works for work done during the year against the abutting property owners, came up for adoption, a wrangle ensued.

"If this report is not adopted at this time, the levy cannot be included in the tax roll, and the contractors who have improved streets this year will not get their money for a whole year," explained Ald. Eraman.

"If you vote for the acceptance of this assessment now, I am voting entirely in the dark," declared Aldridge. "We are entitled to know for what we are voting. I demand that the list be read."

Ald. Meyer, "non-partisan," declared that the paving on Grove street, south of Mitchell, was abominable and that the contractors should not be paid for having done the work.

Even "Patriot" Kicks.

"I always look after the welfare of my constituents," declared Meyer, "and in this case it would almost be reason for me to accept the paving of that street."

Social-Democratic aldermen declared that the paving on Thirty-fifth street and Twenty-fourth street, was not up to the standard of the city in the contracts with the city.

Citizens May Enjoin.

"We can pass this assessment roll and the paving is not up to contract, the residents can get out an injunction against having to pay it," declared Ald. Welch.

After discussion, the comptroller's report carrying appropriations of \$200,000 for some 25,000 square yards of paving was passed.

Graft Specter Again!

At its meeting Monday afternoon, the common council by a unanimous vote, called upon District Attorney

Zabel to start an investigation of alleged bribery in connection with the mayor's veto of the Prinz fireboat site.

The resolution for the investigation was introduced by Alderman Schwefel, chairman of the judiciary committee. The existing ordinance, Coleman Kneary, named in the resolution as having declared that they had been approached with bribes, voted for its passage.

The Schwefel resolution begins, "Whereas, the Milwaukee Leader on Nov. 11, printed certain charges, etc. The story printed in The Leader of that date told that Alderman Strehlow had declared that there were glaring irregularities of several of the "non-partisan" officials in the city hall in connection with the fireboat site. According to The Leader story, Alderman Coleman declared that he had not been offered money but that some "return" was promised for his vote, and that, thinking the man offering the bribe did not realize the seriousness of his offense, he did not tell of it to the district attorney.

When asked what action he would probably take in the matter District Attorney Zabel said:

"They know far better than I do whether there is anything going on among them. If they have any knowledge or grafting, let them come to me and prefer charges under oath, and an investigation will be made. The common council has absolutely nothing to say about my orders from it."

A Joke on the N-P's.

Will the Johnsons and the Neacys now come forth with an injunction against the appointment of Ernest H. Maling of Washington, D. C., to the position of director of the newly-created bureau of municipal accounting?

When the Social-Democratic administration appointed Charles A. Miller, supervisor of street construction, the city lawyers, who are hangers to the Merchants and Manufacturers thought they saw a violation of the law which provides that appointees to political offices must have resided in the state at least one year. The matter was taken to the supreme court of the state, where City Attorney Hoan argued that the law applied only to aliens and not to citizens of the United States. The court, however, gave no opinion on this phase of the Miller case.

When the Social-Democrats appointed William Leiserson, now with the Wisconsin industrial commission, to be municipal reference librarian, the city raised a great uproar, and his appointment was declared illegal. The Social-Democratic administration then appointed another to the position.

The ordinance passed by the common council in September creating the bureau of municipal accounting makes the director of the bureau the head of a department. He therefore does not come under the civil service law which provides that all such appointments shall be subject to civil service regulations.

Army Man Speaks

C. D. Towsley, a retired officer of the United States army, spoke on "The Wastes of Capitalism," Tuesday evening, before a meeting held by the Eighth Ward branch, Social-Democratic party. He said, in part:

"Capitalist critics of Socialism have been deceivingly unlucky. Almost every argument against Socialism which they have thus far advanced has been a two-edged sword. It damns capitalism a thousand times worse than it does co-operation.

"Capitalism, while mummbling of the cross, yet bowing the knee before Mammon, accuses Socialism of being infidel."

"Capitalism has made the holy estate of matrimony a joke for buffoons and block-heads. Capitalism is fast rendering true homes an utter impossibility. And, in spite of the changes in the law, the brazen impudence to charge Socialism with being the enemy of religion, marriage and the home.

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The Catholic Layman Talks Back

BY WILLIAM CLANCY.

While discussing Socialism with a Catholic clergyman recently, he patronizingly informed me that after I really learned what Socialism is I would abandon it.

"You Catholics young men," he began, "who become infected with the virus of Socialism do not understand the deeper significance of the movement. You do not understand how utterly materialistic and atheistic it is. You do not see the danger to your faith and morals."

"You are playing with fire, young man," he continued warmly. "You are playing with fire!"

As a matter of fact, I was playing with my watch for an hour or so, while the first forty minutes of the clergyman's speech were being made. The clergyman of my church makes of the tiny molehill known as Socialism materialism.

Socialism materialistic? Of course, it is. It embraces the materialism of bread and butter, work and wages—the materialism of life itself.

Is Socialism atheistic? Some Socialists are atheistic, but Socialism only attempts to show the relation between man and his social environment—not the relation between God and man or nature and man. Socialism can be neither deistic nor atheistic.

The atheism of early Socialists was a survival of French free-thought of the eighteenth century. Indeed, our own American revolutionists, in no small measure, borrowed from the French free-thinkers many of the theories of republican government now weaved into the warp and woof of American institutions. We can imagine with what vehemence French clericals attacked those early theories. We know how vigorous the Catholic church has become in America under the constitution born of those theories.

The majority of men are secular and live in a secular, material, prosaic world. The very material tools with which they work have a very material bearing on their very material lives. This was as true of the first rude implements of production and the first crude tools of agriculture as it is true of the modern automatic machine and the later-day wage workers.

If early Socialist writers accentuated the material and neglected the spiritual, they did so because their physical and not his spiritual hunger has been responsible for the creation of human society.

From the investigations of these early Socialists came the discovery of an immortal law of social evolution. They discovered that modern society is a product of all the societies of the past. They found that the tool was mightier than the sword or the pen and that the manner in which a people made their living determined the laws, customs and most of the institutions of that people. This law has been christened economic determinism.

If Marx and Engels were alive and were asked to give concrete, modern examples of the operation of this law they would probably remind us that the reason there is no economic independence for the mass of men in America today is because the simple tool of a century ago has become, through development, a complex and expensive—out of the reach of the producer. They would also point out that the continued development of the tools of production will necessitate their collective ownership. This would be Socialism consummated through economic determinism.

Marx and Engels would have also been careful to point out the fact that economic determinism does not attempt to account for the origin or destiny of man. It involves neither theology nor metaphysics. It could not have become operative as a law until man became a tool user.

This is the head and front of Socialism materialism. This is the bugbear, the specter that haunts the Catholic hierarchy. This is the process

that will break up the home, destroy the family, establish free love, put religion on the bum and raise hell generally.

Of course, there are some Socialists who believe that economic determinism is the answer to the riddle of the universe just as there are some folk who confidently believe that Doctor Hartmann's Peruna will cure a ham. There are Socialists who do not know their Socialism just as there are Catholics who do not know their catechism.

One of the most exasperating claims of the Catholic clergy is that they do not enter politics; that they are non-partisan. The rejoinders of their opposition to Socialism are provoked by their own unwillingness to stand the rigor of their onslaughts. The church as yet, has not officially declared Socialism to be a matter of faith or morals. The pope has not condemned it ex cathedra. How could he?

What can a Catholic who understands and is sympathetic toward Socialism think of these hedging tactics. The only conclusion one can reach is that the officials of the church are simply functioning as police for the capitalists.

If Socialism is as fruitful of error as they say it is, why don't they condemn it officially? Every well-informed Catholic knows that such a condemnation is the only sort that is binding. I am a Socialist and a Catholic and I should like to know definitely where they stand.

I question the right of the Catholic hierarchy to force upon me the alternative of supporting the Republican or Democratic parties when my conscience, my intelligence and the very mainspring of my wellbeing—my economic interests—scream to me that they are both rotten to the core.

My priests would leave me a political derelict without party, without politics, without hope of social salvation for me and mine because I believe that the people ought to own the trusts.

They give me my choice of two dromedaries, two gold stags and have the audacity to tell me that I am offending God and insulting my religion by refusing to make a stupid and stupidifying choice.

If I remonstrate with them for their lack of practical sympathy with the aspirations of the working class they recite the obvious—they tell me that the church is the historic friend of the workers.

My history tells me this. What I want is escape now. I am not an ancestor worshiper. I want something new or a way out of what is old.

My spiritual superiors have it conveniently waiting for me. It is made of such stuff as dreams are made of; it resembles a mirage and has the substance of a rainbow but, nevertheless they have it for me. Here it is: "A fair day's pay for a fair day's work."

This must be the last, full measure of social justice for me. This must be my political omega—my economic revelation. This is the finale, the final curtain!

If such an ideal of social justice were practicable, with labor enjoying the status of a commodity does any level-headed Catholic workingman believe that the Republican or Democratic parties would bring it into being? These are the only vehicles the clergy have left us on which to ride into our capitalistic Utopia.

To ring about such an ideal condition is manifestly an economic and legislative task. It is folly to assume that a Sunday sermon preached to capitalists can bring about the least measure of relief for workingmen. If capitalists were amenable to moral suasion this old earth would have been a paradise long ago. Ruling classes have been preached to by clergymen of all denominations since the just for gold and power first seized with its blighting the human heart and mind.

One fact is patent. Our political

and industrial problems are not going to be solved by prayer, or masses, or pious devotions, or retreats. Whether the Catholic church solves these problems or the Socialist party solves them they must be solved by action.

At the present moment, what are the hierarchy, the clergy and the societies of the church doing to bring about their ideal of social justice. "A fair day's pay for a fair day's work?" Nothing!

On the other hand, clergists believe that the people ought to own the trusts and get all they produce. What are the Socialists doing at the present to bring about their ideal? Everything!

Materialistic!

Though the Great Man has been most tearfully reviled during life, as soon as he was dead no one could say kind enough things of him. In fact, feeling ran so strong that before six months had elapsed a committee had been chosen to care for the great sum of money subscribed to buy him a memorial.

"And now," said the Chairman, "the question is what sort of a memorial shall we select?"

"Why not hire a factory inspector who shall see that no children are employed in the factories of the state?"

"Quite right," said the Conspicuous Capitalist, "but if we can keep him down for another twenty years I'll be satisfied."—The Masses.

Futility of Assassination

BY MAX ENDICOFF.

The recent assassination of Jose Canalejas, Prime Minister of Spain, brings again to the fore the pernicious and fallacious doctrine of Anarchism; that individuals are to be held responsible for the fallings and evils of society. Both in theory and in practice has this reprehensible conception been shattered completely; its fundamental premises and attempted logical development has been riddled through and through. And yet the spectacle presents itself of sincere and intelligent beings firmly believing that the murder of an individual will end the reign of injustice and oppression.

Is dark, dismal Russia less despotic, less oppressive now, though Alexander II was assassinated? Has Italy, though Humbert I fell beneath the assassin's hand? Has there been the slightest radical change in American institutions or conditions, though the lives of two presidents were sacrificed on the altar of Anarchism?

These few cases, taken at random, would indubitably convince any fair-minded, reasonable being that the individual is merely a puppet of the various and complex forces at work in society. No individual has, as yet, attained that ultra-normal state of development which gives him the mastery over these sociological forces and the control over evolutionary processes. And in truth, the individual is far—very far—from reaching such stupendous heights. History and sociology tend to affirm, rather, the negative status of the individual in the evolution of humanity.

In reference to the assassination of Premier Canalejas, Emma Goldman is reported as saying that the murderer "was driven to it by injustice." Injustice of whom? of what? Certainly not the injustice of the individual, Canalejas. For comparatively, Canalejas has been the most radical, the most liberal minister that Spain has ever had. Nor does his treacherous murder preclude, for a moment, the advent of a more liberal, more radical official, or that injustice and oppression have suffered a death blow. More likely his successor will be a reactionary of the worst type, and injustice will play

You remember that was one of the Great Man's hobbies."

"Tut! Tut!" growled the Prominent Manufacturer as he nervously twiddled his watch-chain. "We mustn't stoop to anything so undignified as that."

"Then let us use the cash to 'rescue' loan sharks. They were a pet abhorrence of the Great Man."

"Tut! Tut!" said the Conspicuous Capitalist whose fortune came no one knew whence. "I'm sure he wouldn't like such potpourri."

"Well, what do you say to speeding the entire sum in getting out a cheap edition of his writings? Think of the millions we might reach. Surely the Great Man himself could not have thought of a better way of using the cash."

The parson shook his head. "Tut! Tut! What the Great Man wrote is all well enough for intelligent folk like us, but it mustn't be spread to the Common People. It would turn their heads."

Why is better, now than a good old-fashioned monument?"

So they built an ugly and terrible monument in the market place, covered it with symbolic figures, and sealed the ashes of the Great Man in its base.

Yet they say, "You can't keep a good man down," snickered the Prominent Manufacturer.

"Quite right," said the Conspicuous Capitalist, "but if we can keep him down for another twenty years I'll be satisfied."—The Masses.

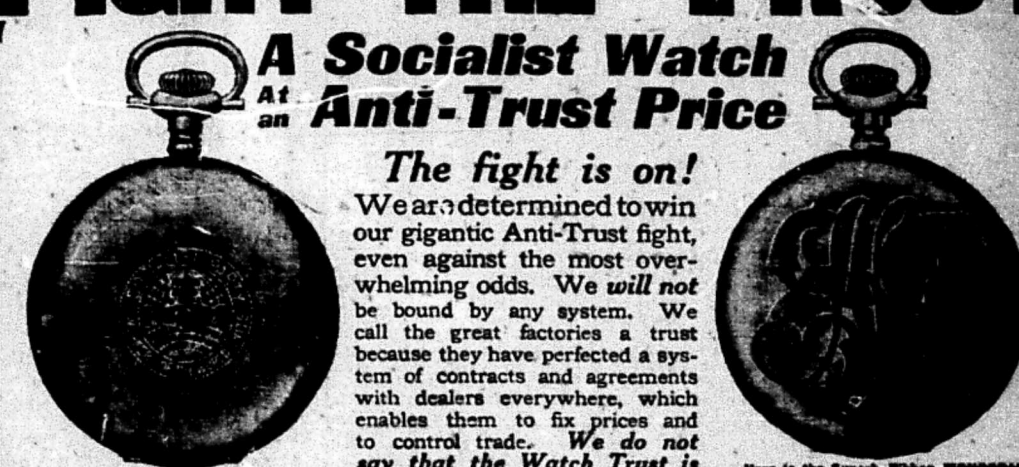
a more significant and important role in the next few years.

Then, if the individual is blameless, irresponsible, every indictment against the present state of civilization must be charged to its institutions—economic, political, social, moral, and, indirectly, humanity itself. Must take the stand as defendant. For institutions are the spontaneous self-expression, not of a single unit, but the mass of units that comprise a state, a nation, a social institution are the concrete embodiment of what Tolstoy terms "public opinions." And in order to modify, to change institutions, it is necessary to modify, to change "public opinion." This can be done, not by child-headed murder, but by teaching, enlightening the masses, who are, in truth, the dominant factor in the social organism. The knife, the gun and the bomb of the assassin has no place in the present stage of humanity's development; they becloud the vision, enfeeble the mind, and are unworthy even of a less civilized, less humane people.

As to assassination—the act itself—it is difficult to speak of it without feeling a contempt too deep and a loathing too intense to be expressed by words. The assassin inspires the same feeling of repulsion and disgust at the sight of a hideous, slimy, belly-creeping reptile. Just as you can only conceive of a snake, a trailing, noiselessly behind its victim, and then, as it comes within reach, its head shoots up and the poisonous fangs are buried deep into the back of the prey—just so do you conceive and picture the action of an assassin.

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We propose to arrange five lectures for \$60 worth of books. We consider this necessary because most of the smaller locals will not be able to raise \$200 and therefore will not get the lectures, but they may be able to raise \$12 for each local. They get books for that amount that can be used for a library, or to sell to their members and sympathizers and get some money back. We expect to start the first lecture the middle of January.

Socrates and Jesus

Good old Socrates was, without a doubt, a perpetual clamor in the streets of Athens. If he had confined himself to a discussion of abstract theories of philosophy, he might have been safe. But there is no doubt that he intruded on the prerogatives of the better people of Athens, and during a band of people spoke of such things as graft, the treatment of women, the abuse of slaves, the stealing of public property and similar matters. If he had had the sense to confine himself to safe subjects and to matters that did not offend any one, there would have been no trouble. Yet he persisted in seeking the most open of all places, the streets and the olive groves—which were similar to our social commons and public parks—and there he arranged his lectures. He knew how to handle those persons in ancient Greece. They took the old man in hand and made him drink something to quiet their nerves and his voice.

Beauties of Slavery

A number of worthy people whom it would do no good to name once owned a slave and from morning to night they were in a great stew about him.

"He must plow this furrow," said one, "and when he has done that he must do the next. And you must not pay him a cent."

"Not at all," said the other, "that is not rational treatment, and above all a slave must have rational treatment. He must plow the furrow, but he must be paid some money at the end of the furrow. At night we can slip on masks and take the money away from him, but I insist that he be paid."

Pat, a Dude and a Dog

Many capitalists look with contempt on working people and have little or no sympathy or respect for them. And yet there are, in every community, bright, witty, even well educated working men and women, while in the same vicinity, there are stupid, ignorant, unmannerly rich people. I once heard a story which illustrates this. One day Pat, a laborer in a steel mill, entered a street car.

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MENOMONIE.—Carl I. Schultz of Menomonie writes: "A party of three of us have returned from a marauding expedition which resulted in the capture of six applications. Will try and continue the good work. Please send me more application blanks for we want to arm each comrade with several and keep plugging away. The organized movement is coming. The organized movement is coming."

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NEOPIT.

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IN THE TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN, POLK COUNTY, WIS.

The Socialists elected every town officer. Debs got more votes than all other candidates combined in that township. The county gave Debs 276 at the last election.

A STATE DEMOCRAT SPEAKS.

In the political thicket last week Victor Berger of Milwaukee was defeated for re-election by W. J. Stafford, a Standpat Republican who ran on the Democratic ticket. While many did not like Mr. Berger's politics it must be admitted that he accomplished about 10 times more than the second term.—Star Wars, A Crooked.

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How Music Charmed Animals

There is an old saying "that music hath charms that soothe the savage breast." It is quite certain that music has a great influence on both human beings and animals. The animals of the circus would be much less than now if they furnished no good music. In every city thousands of people congregate in the parks to listen to the bands there playing. The officers in command of armies understand this great effect produced by music, hence they encourage the soldiers in singing popular war songs, and when going into battle they have the bands play some popular tunes. Just think how inspiring are the songs of "Dixie," the "Union Forever, Hurrah Boys, Hurrah," the "Marseillaise," and others. The band played "Nearer My God to Thee," as the Titanic went down. How often do the dying request friends to sing as they pass away. I once read of a mouse that would come out of a hole in the wall whenever the occupant of the room played on his flute. The little fellow's eyes would glisten and he showed unmistakable evidence of delight over the music. "The Rev. John Daniel McEwen, explorer and missionary, who has just returned to civilization after 12 years spent in the Brazilian wilderness of the state of Bahia, says:

"One day I was riding through the deep woods on my horse, when I heard the howl of savage wolves and I saw a pack of them dash down on me to devour me. I was unarmed. First I bethought me to dismount and get a club, but then says I to myself:

"What earthly good would the club be against all those rapacious wolves? They would eat me up, horse and all." Frightened out of my wits, I suddenly came to me to try one of those wonderful Moody and Sankey hymns.

"Scarcely had my voice rung out into the night with the first few lines as the wolves stood still. By the time I had finished the chorus you believe it, man—there was crashing and a rushing in the woods. Those wolves had turned tail and were running away from me as hard as they could."

I once read of another man, a violinist, who was riding through a wood infested by wolves when he was attacked by them. His horse became frightened and pitched and plunged so violently that he was thrown off his back. The horse escaped and the gentleman hastily

climbed up on a rock. Fortunately he had held onto his violin. He remembered that he had heard that animals could be charmed by music. He quickly took the instrument from its box and began to play. The hungry, snarling animals which had surrounded him stopped, listened, and after a time, scampered away.

The managers of asylums for the insane understand the quelling influence of music upon disordered brains. They therefore have both vocal and instrumental music often for the benefit of the inmates, and usually dances for the convalescents. I have heard the claim made that no gifted musician or person who is very fond of music, was ever known to be a bad criminal. I do not know if that is or is not true. It has been said that "Nero died while Rome burned," but the more reliable historians say the statement is not true.

It is asserted by the noted Prof. Hans Teitgen of Munich that flowers are sensitive to music and betray their individual natures by expanding their petals under the influence of certain melodies.

An eminent London botanist says that however fantastic Prof. Teitgen's discovery might appear, there was undoubtedly a good deal in it.

"Two distinguished botanists, Harberlandt and Wager, have demonstrated that plants have special structures, corresponding to eyes, which are sensitive to light," he said.

"This proves that plants are sensitive to waves of light—and, of course, know in the opening and shutting of certain flowers in the day and night."

"Waves of sound have, of course, a very considerable effect on human beings; to a delicate plant the effect is likely to be far more potent."

Not every person can, by study and practice, become a skillful musician, but every child has a musical faculty in his or her brain which can be cultivated. I advise all the youthful readers of Our Young Folks to cultivate a love of music.—R. A. Dague.

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BY THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED!



Old King Coal is a merry old soul, And why should not he be? For he owns the mines, and he owns the coal. And we are the fiddlers three. New York World.

"Fins" was written this week by the state of Wisconsin to the case of John Schrank, paranoiac and would-be assassin.
At 11 a. m., clad in a brand new suit of tailor-made clothes, freshly shaven, unshackled, and carrying his belongings in the two suit cases he brought with him to Milwaukee on the trail of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Schrank was taken to the state hospital for the criminal insane at Oshkosh by Deputy Sheriff Becker and Mol'enhauer. He seemed reconciled and smiled happily as he bade his fellow prisoners at the county jail goodbye. The alienists believe Schrank to be incurable and he probably will spend the rest of his days at Oshkosh.

The convention of the South Slavic Socialist Federation of America will convene in Milwaukee Monday, Dec. 23. The federation has about 90 strong organizations throughout the United States. Those affiliated with these branches are Slovenians, Croats and Servians. There will be delegates from a number of states, representing every branch of the federation.
The convention will be held in the South Side Turn hall, National street, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

That the Slavic people are much inclining toward the principles of Social-Democracy was indicated when the fraternal order, Slovenian Narodni Zbornica, Yelnoia endorsed the Socialist platform at their convention in Milwaukee last September.
In Milwaukee county the federation has three strong branches which are also affiliated with the county central committee of the Socialist-Democratic party. The Slavic branch and the Croatian branch maintain their own library and reading and clubroom at 425 Virginia street. The members of the Croatian branch are Croats and Servians.

TERRE HAUTE, Indiana.—Awaiting arrest on the Girard, Kan., indictment, charging him with obstructing justice, Eugene V. Debs, four times Socialist presidential candidate, today denounced the charge as a lie and defied his accusers to do their worst.
"The indictment is based upon a made-to-order lie," said Debs, "a pretext hatched by those who openly boasted they would put us into the penitentiary and bankrupt and destroy the Appeal to Reason for opposing the courts and the federal prisons.

JANESVILLE, Wisconsin.—Up to a late hour Friday afternoon petitions for the recall of the mayor and two councilmen of Janesville which have been circulated for the past month had not been filed with the city clerk, although it was unofficially stated that the required number of names had been secured.
It is understood that the effort to unseat Mayor Fathers and Councilmen Milnes and Cummings has originated with the saloon men and other champions of the wide open town. Their opposition has become active since the indignation meeting of 100 or more prominent citizens held at the city hall early in October soon after the Bergsterman murder.

Revelation Wave Proves. There was a loud protest at that time from the law-abiding elements of the city against the prevalent practice, alleged, of selling liquor to minors, against the "red light" district, against selling liquor after hours, against slot machines in pool rooms, and other vice-producing elements. A committee of fifteen citizens was chosen to deliberate on the matter with the view to assisting the city council in enforcing the law. At the same time the councilmen were severely taken to task for the loose moral conditions which, it was stated, were growing worse rather than better since the establishment of the commission form of government.

DES MOINES, Iowa.—Shall the Sherman law be repealed and shall congress in its place pass a law recognizing the trust and the monopoly, as desired by George Perkins, Bull Moose leader, or shall the Sherman law be amended so as to prevent unlawful restraint of trade and continue the policy of "breaking up" the unlawful combinations?
Senator A. B. Cummins favors com-

petition and has been busy writing what will probably be the report of the senate committee on interstate commerce on which Senator Clapp of Minnesota is chairman. The committee held a long inquiry into the subject last winter, examining many witnesses, George W. Perkins, Andrew Carnegie, Lyman Abbott and Theodore Roosevelt, among the number.
Trying to Side p Socialism. Cummins says that Perkins is sincere in his idea of recognizing monopolies and regulating prices but "is wrong," "revolutionary," and would lead to pronounced Socialistic practices, which the Iowa senator opposes. The Perkins theory is that the trusts have come to stay, (which is obvious) and that they should not be attacked by the Sherman or any other law, but that prices should be regulated by commission or otherwise. Senator Cummins thinks the next step would be the regulation of wages by law, because wages are fixed by prices and this would be industrial Socialism.

But Courts Think Otherwise. The problem of exempting labor organization from the operations of the anti-trust law is one sure to come up prominently. Senator Cummins leans to the view that there can be no monopoly of labor as there can be of certain products, therefore that labor organizations cannot, in the very nature of things, be like other organizations.
Upon the report which Senator Cummins has prepared, ready to take with him to Washington next week will be framed legislation which will govern American commercial life for years to come, if adopted. It is proposed to amend the Sherman law that all honest business men will know what is legal and what is not legal, and not have to wait until they are prosecuted in the courts to find out.

Would Give Men a Show. Over 700 names will be required to secure recall proceedings. If these are secured an election will be called and the names of the present officials

A PERTINENT QUESTION.



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Marxian Theory of History

BY RICHARD T. ELY.
Marx's followers boast particularly of two discoveries which he made—viz., the correct theory of the development of history and his doctrine of value.
His theory of history is that it is a development, and is shaped at each period by the economic life of the people, by the manner in which goods are produced and distributed. He takes, as his starting point, the fact that man must eat, drink, wear clothes and find shelter from rain, snow, and cold. Art, religion, and science come after the satisfaction of these elementary wants. The production of wealth by slaves gave form to the history of the classical world, while that of the middle ages is dominated by serfdom and its accessories. The governing idea of the present age is capitalistic production—that is to say, concentration of large masses in factories, running a race with immense machines, and systematically robbing by their employers. When we take the view that history is a growth governed by the necessities of production, past ages do not seem as inhuman as they otherwise do. It has hitherto been necessary that the vast majority should toil incessantly, while only few devoted themselves to the pursuit of the higher goods. The progress of production was so primitive and imperfect that it was physically impossible for the many to enjoy leisure for cultivating their minds and bodies. Hence it was that the ancients regarded slavery as necessary and natural. Plutarch and Aristotle both considered it a law of nature, just the same as it had hitherto been supposed that private property in land and capital was a law of nature; whereas, as already shown by Eodbertus, they are both institutions of positive and changeable law. Private property in the instruments of production can be abolished, as private property in human beings has been. This abolition would not, however, take place until society had made such an advance in the art of producing goods that all requisites for human existence and progress could be produced without requiring the unceasing toil of the vast majority. That time has come. It is now easy to leave leisure to each one to make the most of himself. Aristotle, in defending slavery, uttered words which sound almost like a prophecy. In his "Politics" (4 4) he says in this language: "Every servant is an instrument more valuable than any other instrument. For if every instrument at command, or from foreknowledge of its master's will, could accomplish its special work—if the athlete thus should, weave and the lyre play of itself—then neither would the architect want servants nor the master require slaves." These remarks seem to contain a dim foreboding of the marvelous invention of machinery and has substituted iron and steel for bone and muscle.
A feudal aristocracy was once required to protect and guide industry and agriculture. The growth of the bourgeoisie in the cities finally rendered feudalism, an antiquated institution, and it had to make way for the third estate, under whose guidance wealth has increased marvelously and laborers have been freed together and organized. But the bourgeoisie has fulfilled its mission. It is now but a hindrance and an obstacle. The repeated crises and the continued concentration of property in the hands of a few mammoth millionaires preclude any possibility of their being equal to the task of leadership. The time has arrived when the proletariat, the fourth estate, must take the reins into its own hands. It is now to play the grand role in the history of the world.
With the continually decreasing number of the magnates of capitalism, who usurp and monopolize all the advantages of the changed form of production, there is an accompanying increase in the mass of misery, of oppression, of bondage, of degradation, of exploitation; but there also arises a revolt of an increasing class of laborers, who have been schooled, united, and disciplined by the mechanism of the capitalistic processes of production. The monopoly of capital becomes a shackle to the method of production, under and with which it has grown up. The concentration of the means of production and the association of laborers reach a point where they are incompatible with their capitalistic shell. The shell is broken. The death-knell of capitalistic private property sounds. The exploiters are expropriated. Thus dawns a new and better era in the history of human development.—"French and German Socialism."

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrades will be glad to know that the official Socialist vote in Pennsylvania was \$9,115. This shows a remarkable increase in the face of the fact that the mania that was existent in our state. We should all be encouraged to press on more determined than ever. The Socialist party was created for the purpose of sidetracking Socialism and through our efforts it has failed. Therefore we must together fulfill our boast that "The Socialist campaign never ends." From official data so far published we look as though the vote of the nation would reach a little over the 900,000 mark. If comrades will look up the vote of 1908, they will find that the vote was tremendous increase. The state movement seems to be in exceptionally good shape and while applications for speakers are not quite up to the highwater mark they are as good as can be expected and we have no doubt that Socialism will go marching right on in Pennsylvania.
Dates for Oscar Ameringer are as follows: December 6, Williamsport; 7, Erie; 8, Scranton; 9, Pottsville; 10, Philadelphia; 11, Meadville; 12, Harrisburg; 13, Erie; 14, Altoona; 15, Philadelphia; 16, Erie; 17, Meadville; 18, Altoona; 19, 20, 21, Allegheny county, as follows: Dec. 8, 9, 10, 11, Allegheny county; 12, Monaca; 13, Erie; 14, Avonmore; 15, Armstrong; 16, New Kensington; 17, Meadville; 18, Vandergrift; 19, Johnstown; 20, Somerset; 21, Sumnerhill; 22, Nanty glo; 23, Chambersburg; 24, York; 25, Mechanicsville; 26, Ephrata; 27, 28, Lokeness; 29, 30, Lebanon.

Our Benevolent Brother Andy

And now to think of it, vud ye? It is awful. Iver since our beloved republic was formed, whin th' heroes of th' past craded her in th' blood of glorious revolution, and wrapt her in th' swaddlin' bands of our free-an'-equal Constitution, our ex-presidents have been havin' such a hard-rod toime of ut. To think of their sorrows and miseries wud make th' painted Injun in front of McGinnin's cigar store weep wooden tears th' size of a banty egg. I repeat it, it is awful.
The fact is, th' exact conditions never will be entirely known. The back-guarded historians and th' idlers of th' daily press, every haste of thim, th' consistently tellin' th' truth about the prosperity of the wur-kin'-man, has lied to us about the awful fate of our ex-presidents.
It now appears to the fair-minded and indicated man that no one has liver told us that Washington died in an almshouse, and that Jefferson was evicted from an East side teniment because he couldn't pay his rent.
The historians fall to mention that Andy Jackson committed suicide rather be an object of charity; and that he was found in death chewin' on a crust of bread, the last in th' house,—his wuder-havin' previous' wor-kerd herself to death in a sweatshop a thryin' to support him. Until this very day it has never been published that Hays was left a widower with fifteen children to support, his wife havin' been killed by a railroad company that informed the court it would not pay damages. It is not known that Grover Cleveland, after leavin' the White House to be cast in the meshes of an unscrupulous publisher, suffered the

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The Builders' Column
By A. W. Mance

OUR DUTY IS PLAIN
Comrades: Taking the country over, there is one Socialist voter to every 15 or 16 of all other parties. One aggressive, intelligent Socialist among each 15 non-Socialists speaking a word in season, passing out a Socialist pamphlet or paper, assisted by the inevitable high prices of living and economic pressure, can work a revolution in the minds of the other 15 during the coming four years.

A NEW SIXTEEN TO ONE.
You must reach 16 people in your community with the Socialist message and effectively drive it home to their understanding.
Comrade, believe in your ability to do it. Remember that every workman and woman will be Socialists as soon as they understand what Socialism is and what it seeks to accomplish.

STUDY EACH CASE.
Study the life and condition of your neighbors and shop mates. Then, at the opportune moment, hit him for a subscription for the Social-Democratic Herald. Get him to invest the price of a subscription toward his own education. The Herald visiting him once a week for a year will be almost sure to land him.

INTRODUCE US TO YOUR FRIENDS.
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Please send sample copy of The Social-Democratic Herald to the following persons, who I believe may become permanent readers:

(SEE PAGE 3.)

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

Lesson Learned from a Spider
Many useful lessons may be learned by observing the ways of birds and animals and even of insects. No doubt many readers of Our Young Folks have read of the perseverance of the dumb animals. In former stories I have mentioned how men have profited by studying the habits of these creatures, supposed by some people to be devoid of reason. No doubt some of my boy and girl readers have read how the ancient King Bruce of Scotland learned a lesson of perseverance from a spider. The king was engaged in a war. He had lost many battles and was discouraged and had made up his mind to surrender and give over his country to his enemies. In deep despair he retired to a lonely room in his castle to study out the terms on which he would surrender.
Reclining on the couch and thinking, he happened to notice a spider drop from the ceiling on a single silken cord. He watched the spider fascinatingly. It now began its ascent. It slipped. Time and time again it tried to mount, but each time it failed. The king watched intently, forgetful of all else. An hour passed. Finally the spider succeeded. It was an inspiration to King Bruce. Why should he get discouraged, having tried only a few times and failed?
He decided he would make one more effort. He rallied his army, and with the lesson taught him by the spider before his mental vision, met and defeated the enemy and saved his country. There is an old saying and a good one: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.—R. A. Dague.

Wm. T. Stead, The Socialist

W. T. Stead, late editor of the London "Review of Reviews," who went down in the Titanic last spring, was an Englishman, but had studied very carefully American politics and business customs. That he might gain a practical experience of the troubles of the unemployed, he disguised himself and was sentenced to jail as a vagrant. After a thorough study of modern conditions he became a Socialist.
Writing about the United States he said:
"America is no longer a republic; it's a plutocracy. The president is merely the creation of the bank directors, railroad kings and coal barons. The same with governors of states.
The poor whine about their poverty and gnaw the crusts of bread, and can always be railed upon to vote for the rich, and ninetenths would shoulder a musket and lay down their lives in defense of the people who rob them.
"Such a nation with a handful of plutocrats tyrannizing over 80,000,000 of slaves will either be overthrown or die of gangrene.
"The labor organizations neither think, together, vote together, nor act together. They have no money to buy votes, lawyers or judges; the soldiers and police shoot down th' laboring people and are cheered on in their bloody work by monopolists and clergy.
"Rich idlers amuse themselves at Newport. Poor workers toil ceaselessly in the mine and the mill.
"Lap dogs are driven through the park for air. Children die of overwork in filthy garrets."
Mr. Stead was talented, fearless in the defense of right, an uncompromising friend and defender of the working people and was known the world over as a promoter of the movement seeking to establish international courts of arbitration in which to settle all disputes between nations without going to war. Our Young Folks could most profitably study the life-history of Mr. Stead and pattern after him.—R. A. Dague.

Puzzles

CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.
Eight letters are needed to spell out my name. So sharpen your pencil and get in the game.
My first is in spade, but not in shovel;
My second in sneak, but not in grovel;
My third is in cocoa, but not in milk;
My fourth is in linen, but not in silk.
My fifth is in Emma but not in Kate;
My sixth is in babble, but not in prate.
My seventh is in race, but not in steps;
My eighth is in harrow, but not in vex.
My entirety is, now I'm sure you'll allow,
The name of a time that is nearest just now.
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The first correct answer to the enigma published November 16 was received from Hans Nelson, Edgerton, Wis., who gets the prize. Raymond C. Evans, North Dakota, was a close second. The correct answer was: "Social-Democratic Herald."