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Civilization will never be worthy of the name until the people produce for use instead of for profit.

Capitalism can stand the conviction of the New York police courts. What does it care? It can breed plenty more.

The census shows that in New York \$34,318 names out of 400,000 are rented. Paying tribute in order to live is not new under capitalism.

The indirect election to the Prussian house of deputies takes place May 16. An abominable suffrage arrangement will sweep the Social-Democratic victor's down.

W. J. Ghent, of the National Socialist, has been compelled by ill health to remove to Arizona for the good effect of the climate. He will not drop his Socialist literary work; but may even increase it.

The other day Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist city attorney of Milwaukee, appeared before the U. S. supreme court to argue a measure in which his city is interested. He may not have been the first Socialist to appear before that tribunal, but he certainly was the first Socialist-city attorney to appear.

The following is a good passage to rub under the nose of the smartly who tries to tell his fellow churchmen that Socialism will abolish the right of private conscience. It is from Bebel's book, "Woman and Socialism": "As with the state, so it will be with religion. It will not be abolished. Liebknecht will not be robbed of their faith, as all the foolish arguments are worded that are directed against theistic Socialists."

The writer was one of the judges in an interstate normal school debate the other day. It was closely contested and difficult to utter strangers to the judges, but after the debate one of the best speakers on the side that won showed a Socialist button, at the same time saying, "I am pleased to meet you, Comrade. I won't be the only Socialist in the stx, I suspect, either. I want to say that capitalism is going to have a mighty hard time suppressing the Socialists for you laid them everywhere you turn.

Jersey City has finally voted to have the commission form of government. A victory for capitalism and right. Capitalism and its reformers want no democratic government, they want government in few hands—it is easier to buy up or control a few, or to get a few chosen to have capitalistic institutions, than to try to handle a large body of representatives. The commission form is the most dangerous blow at popular government that can well be struck. It will behave well at first, but in time will produce the worst of nations. The people might as well turn their government over to the interests and be done with it.

Los Angeles people are enjoying the folly of the nonpartisan ballot in their primaries. The Socialist candidates and the "business" candidates are in a scramble on the ballot and the voter must try to remember all the names he wishes to vote for and hunt them out in the short time allowed for voting. The purpose of the ballot is to "hide" principles and make people vote for men instead of for the red flag. But the red banner happened to be placed higher up on the building than the American flag, which led a contemptible specimen of a police official to roughly tear it down, in order to have the appearance of a "non-partisan" class. Now the cause of humanity will not halt a moment when a piece of cloth that was red in color was torn down because it happened to prove a red rag to a "bull," but nevertheless the cause of humanity will be "patriotism" is being put by the robber class, and to what "bravery" it tempts the law's "representatives."

And now comes the information that The Common Cause, an anti-Socialist magazine has given up its little ghost and will be about as no more. The game is playing out. It is playing

out because we have a live Socialist press that has been able to get the truth to the people, so that the poisoned shafts of publications of this sort have fallen almost harmless. Peter Collins was connected with The Common Cause, but Pete's game is a dark-lantern one to get the trade union masses into the hands of the "right ones" and he has not been worth much as a worker in the open. We hereby offer to fill up all the Cause's subscription list. Having aroused interest in Socialism it is but fair that a Socialist paper should complete the job.

Throwing into prison, a fool one at that, the miners' Mother Jones does not help the case of the mine lords; it makes their case worse in the eyes of public opinion. Every act of this sort simply hastens the day when the people will step in and take back their mines. Our Socialists are only in possession on sufferance, at best, the people are educating toward their own, and the worst thing about it for the robbers in control is that they will take them back legally.

Liebknecht's exposure of the European war game has created a profound sensation. The capitalist interests have been caught with the goods. The makers of cannon and other murder dealing machines are back of the constant war ferment, because they need war in their business. They are like the man who trains himself for a soldier; he soon wants to apply his training in a real game of slaughter. But in their case there is the necessity for their great establishments going, they must constantly drum up business. What a spectacle in these days of civilization, and what a thing for widowed and orphaned ones to contemplate. It is monstrous. Liebknecht will not be robbed of his 'ault. The doughy Social-Democrat deserves a Noble medal as an international life saver.

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Perhaps, also, they were democratic enough to feel that the stand of their church in Belgium ought to be impeached.

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THE SABOTAGE TACTICS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED AS ANARCHISTIC

Wm. D. Haywood has been touring Arizona and California under the auspices of the I. W. W., everywhere preaching sabotage in violation of the party constitution.

When talking sabotage Haywood starts out by saying that he is going to show the audience what sabotage means by citing a few examples, and that before he gets through every one in the audience who has the cause of the workingclass at heart will believe in sabotage. The examples cited by him were given to me by members of the I. W. W. I had the opportunity to corroborate them many times so I know that I am not misquoting Haywood in any essential.

One example of sabotage given is that of a grocery clerk giving a poor woman a twenty-five cent can of vegetables, or package of breakfast food, for ten cents. According to Haywood this is a form of sabotage that every well wisher of the workingclass movement should encourage and approve of. I would like to ask Haywood what difference there is between an employee giving a poor woman a twenty-five cent can of vegetables belonging

to his employer for ten cents, or taking fifteen cents out of his employer's cash drawer and giving it to the woman? Haywood might argue that the actual labor value of the can is not more than ten cents, but in as much as the groceryman has sold other cans above their labor value, there is, therefore, no reason why the grocery-clerk should not substitute money for the larger can. I also would like to ask Haywood whether it is not more than likely that after the grocery-clerk has reached a few times into the employer's cash drawer to give money to some poor woman, he will some day reach into his employer's cash drawer to take money for himself to use in his own pocket. Another brilliant example cited by Haywood is that of employees in a cannery who practice sabotage on the employer by putting a twenty-five cent label on a can of salmon containing the least desirable parts, while on the other hand a can containing the most desirable parts is marked ten cents. How is this for a revolutionary weapon? Why vote if the co-operative commonwealth can be brought about by changing the labels on tin cans? What more "direct" way can any one suggest to change the system? Of course, the brilliant Haywood never considered that the employer, who

is not to be despised as a

virtue. We shall have need of honesty and good work faithfully done under Socialism. The qualities which now largely benefit the capitalist class become tremendously useful, nay indispensable, socially when capitalism has given way to a better system. I have as yet to meet the first crowd of confirmed I. W. W.'s which would make desirable members of any kind of a commonwealth. Believing as they do in the right of the minority to treat the will of the majority with contempt their sort of commonwealth would mostly resemble a perpetual free-for-all.

Berger stated sometime ago that a syndicalist is an anarchist who is too cowardly to admit it. This is true in a great many cases. In the case of Haywood, Bental and others of their kind it is perhaps even more true to say that they are anarchists but are too ignorant to know it, for while their ignorance of Socialism is dense they probably know still less about the philosophy of anarchism, and therefore, cannot know where and how the conglomeration of ideas to which they have given their endorsement originated.

These are the real opinions of you, Comrade, entertained by capitalists and their Funksies. Once in awhile some of these aristocrats get half drunk and openly speak what they secretly believe.

Democracy has a real fight on its hands. Its greatest task is to educate the workers to a sense of their own powers, physical mental and political. The Socialist press must be kept going to inspire all the people with that greatest of all personal and social virtues—self respect.

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HERE ARE THE FACTS THAT SHOW WEST VIRGINIA TO BE A BLOT UPON AMERICA'S GOOD NAME!

NEW YORK CITY.—Let those who pretend to shudder at conditions in Russia look at West Virginia. Conditions among the miners of the Paint Creek and Cabin regions who struck against the inconceivably diabolical state of affairs is worse, a thousand times worse, than any state that might have prevailed in the czar's domain. And all the more of a mockery it is because this is the oft-faunted "land of the free, the home of the brave."

This, in short, is the testimony of Harold E. West of The Baltimore Sun, a capitalist newspaper, let it be known: but one that could not stand for things as they existed in West Virginia.

"I went to West Virginia absolutely unprejudiced," writes Mr. West, in commenting upon an article which he wrote for The Survey, "but the article may seem unduly to favor the miners."

"I found conditions that I did not believe could exist in America, and I am no novice in the newspaper game. I told the truth about them, and I am afraid I have given myself disliked."

Here is a part of what Mr. West saw in West Virginia, as he relates it:

The Kanawha trouble dates back about 10 years. At that time the miners' conditions were good, as things go for men in the coal fields, and the miners' union along Cabin Creek were organized. An ill-considered strike was called then, and it resulted in a disastrous defeat for the miners.

This Is the Testimony of an Investigator for a Capitalist Publication, a Member of the Staff of The Baltimore Sun. It is a Fine Thing for Free Americans to Contemplate

creaks. It is localized there, but every miner and every operator in the state is involved more or less directly. It is really a fight for the unionizing of the entire coal fields of West Virginia, now largely nonunion.

"If the operators stamp out the efforts to restore unionism on Paint and Cabin creeks and prevent its going further than it has already gone on Cabin river it will mean the check-mating of unionism in the coal fields of the state. Fights will be made, one after another in places where the United Mine Workers have organizations and they will be broken up as they were broken up on Cabin creek 10 years ago. Once broken, they will not be permitted to be formed again.

A Battle for Life.

Struggle Costs Much.

Miners Long Restless.

are still collecting. The organization's war chest is kept in good shape by contributions from every mining district in the nation and all this will be poured into the Kanawha field, if necessary. In addition to this, the miners again have the sympathy, if not the active co-operation, of the operators in the Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio fields where the union scale is paid.

A Wild Country.

"The country in which this war between the miners and the coal companies is taking place is as wild as any that lies out of doors. Cabin Creek Junction is 16 miles east of Charleston and Paint Creek Junction is seven miles further east. On Cabin creek the railroad runs south along the bed of the creek 16 miles to Kayford while on Paint creek the road extends for 22 miles. These creeks are little streams, ordinarily, which sometimes reach the proportions of torrents, flowing along the bases of the mountains. The elevation of the creek beds above tide ranges from 800 to 1,000 feet, while the tops of the hills which rise abruptly on both sides of each creek are from 1,000 to 1,500 feet higher. The sides of these hills are so steep that only an experienced mountaineer can climb them, yet here and there near the creek beds the miners have raised little patches of corn and vegetables.

"It is estimated that before the strike began there were approximately 10,000 men, women and children living along Cabin creek and somewhat more than half that number along Paint creek. A train runs up each creek in the morning and there is another in the afternoon, and if you happen to miss the afternoon train out there is no way out except to walk and walking is very difficult in that country.

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Guards Are Murderous.

"These Baldwin guards who are engaged by the mining companies to do their 'rough work' take the place of the Pinkertons who formerly were used for such work by the coal companies. Since the Homestead strike in the steel mill years ago when the Pinkertons fired into the strikers and killed a number of them, this class of business has gradually drifted away from the Pinkertons and much of it has been acquired by the Baldwin-Felts agency.

"In explanation of the employment of these guards, the operators say that their property must be guarded, that the state does not give them sufficient protection. Men who do service as mine guards cannot be expected to be 'ladylike.' They deal with desperate characters and are constantly in peril. The guards act on the principle that they must get away from the mine to strike at all, and evidence shows that they have not the slightest hesitancy about striking first. The operators also say that it is necessary to require explanations of strangers in order to keep out labor agitators and to prevent the miners from being annoyed and threatened by them.

"No class of men on earth are more cordially hated by the miners than these mine guards who are engaged to 'protect' them from annoyance by outsiders. Before the state troops went into the region and took their rifles away from them, the mine guards went about everywhere, on hand, searching trains, halting strangers, ejecting undesirable, turning miners out of their houses and doing whatever 'rough work' the companies felt they needed to have done. Stories of their brutality are told on every hand along the creeks. Some are unquestionably exaggerated, but the truth of many can be proved and has been proved.

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problem in government. Take Cabin Creek alone, with its branches to Kayford and Decota. There are more than 20 square miles of territory in which live ordinarily about 12,000 persons. In place in which a man may go without being under surveillance, and except at the little 'trot' or incorporated town of Eskdale, hardly a house into which a friend may be invited for a drink of water except by the grace of the coal companies.

Miners Want Rights.

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But perhaps the "excessive speed of our railroads" might offer some redeeming explanation. However Mr. Russell robs us of even this consolation. Merciless as he is, he tells us that our superior speed is purely a myth, that our trains are not the fastest by far.

Will not the Cardinal tell us in what our Railroads are more efficient than are the government owned railroads of Europe? It is not in speed of service; it is not in safety of passengers or employees. In what then?

THE GREAT KRUPP SCANDAL

Germany's excitement over the Krupp scandal is not due alone to the rarity of graft cases in that country, or to the fact that it touches her in her most sensitive place—the army.

A patriot of France was supposed to hate the Germans, and a Teuton patriot was he who hated France, and all for the greater business of Krupp, Leow, Creusot and other cosmopolitan plutocrats.

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THERE WILL BE A NEW STANDARD FOR JUDGMENT

The part that the judiciary is playing in our affairs has just begun to dawn upon the American people.

From the very beginning of the republic, the judiciary was made a fetish, first by the slave owners, and then by our capitalistic lords and masters.

When the Republican party was born in protest against slavery the charge was brought against it that it had attacked the judiciary.

No greater impiety could be conceived than to lay sacrilegious hands upon the palladium of our liberties. It was an offense for which to find a parallel we must return to pagan Rome and its vestal virgins.

When the Democrats in 1896 under the inspiration of John P. Altgeld dared to question the wisdom and sanctity of the supreme court, they led many citizens to fear for the safety of the country lest some great calamity or affliction should befall it.

There has, however, never been any doubt in the minds of the courts themselves as to the part that they have been playing.

Time and time again there has issued from the bench warning or protest against the assumption of power by the judiciary. In the case of the State of Wisconsin vs. Frear, Justice Timlin took occasion to say:

It may be that in the march of progress and the evolution of governments the change in the plan of our government created or confirmed by the decision herein is inevitable. But I mistrust, and I think not through timidity, the steady progress of this court always in the direction of grasping more power. This will establish the judiciary as a political branch of the government and displace it from that place of dignified impartiality which it has so long and so successfully filled. THIS EXTENSION OF POWER IS THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS ALWAYS RESULTED IN THE WRECK OF HUMAN INSTITUTIONS.

Let us inquire in whose interest this power has been exercised!

No one now contends that prior to the civil war the federal judiciary served any master other than the slave power. There is denial that the judiciary is now engaged in serving the dominant power of capitalism, as the slave owners denied that the courts were their creatures when the Dred Scott decision brought the judiciary into public contempt, but the relation is the same.

Capitalism is the dominant force in our civilization. The capitalistic concept determines the attitude of the courts. None of us can wholly escape from our environment and its influences. The Socialist alone is seeking to escape—seeking to be free. The Socialist alone challenges capitalism and its institutions and questions the sanctity of its idols.

Socialist legislators, Socialist executives, Socialist judges will give a changed interpretation to events and a new concept to the state and its functions.

The law will cease to be an expression of capitalism's desires. The courts will see the worker in his stature as a man and not as a serf whose "rights" are determined by his master's necessities.

The wedge has been entered. Capitalism's resistance is being weakened.

Every blow struck now will have the force of a dozen blows when its power shall have been broken.

We shall elect Social-Democratic judges in Milwaukee.

There will be Socialist governors, Socialist legislators, Socialist senators, and then a Socialist president.

The concept will change—it is changing—The Milwaukee Leader.

IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

A Bitter Pill for Patriots.

A startlingly progressive step for Milwaukee "non-partisans" was taken by the common council Monday afternoon when it adopted, by a vote of 23 to 10, a resolution favoring government ownership of the telephone and telegraph and urging congress to pass the necessary laws under which the government can take over the present telephone and telegraph systems of the country.

The action followed that of the common council of Cleveland, Ohio, which sent a communication to the Milwaukee common council urging it to go on record for government ownership of the telephone and telegraph. The finance committee of the council sent it on to the council without recommendation of any kind.

Ald. Kryczyk, Social-Democrat, supported the proposition in the committee room and led the fight for its adoption in the council.

The Legislature

Where Responsibility Ends.

MADISON, Wis., April 30.—In his argument before the senate committee on corporations for his bill which would consolidate the water department and the sewerage department of Milwaukee, Assemblyman Minkley declared that the responsibility of the water department did not end when it furnished at cost all the water that is needed to supply the users.

"The department is more responsible for the quality of the water," said Minkley. "To deliver impure water to the users at any cost is a criminal neglect of duty. The responsibility of quality should take precedence over price; that for all purposes, unless it be for protection and power, the purity of the water is perhaps the greatest factor in municipal sanitation for which the department is responsible. The fact that sewerage is the greatest menace to the water supply is too obvious to require discussion."

The water and sewerage departments are a virtually one and the same system—one is the receiving and the other is the discharging part of our water system. Therefore it is an error to set apart that portion from which no income has been derived—the sewerage—for the tax burden, leaving the water department to yield such a profit that it is cutting down rates until our water bills are almost a joke as compared with what private corporations usually charge.

"This department can be successfully financed on the water plan the same as is provided for the terminal depot or the same as the water department did originally. The surplus of this year is \$250,000 and could easily be made \$800,000 to \$1,000,000."

"I feel that the sewerage work projected could almost be paid off as we do the work, without issuing bonds or without having to pay interest."

Dave Rose Back.

When "Dave" Rose, one of Milwaukee's best known former mayors, majestically breezed into the meeting of the common council Monday afternoon, the most patriotic of the "non-partisan" aldermen fell over each other in their efforts to grasp him by the hand.

Among those who forgot the deliberations of the council to flock about "Dave" were Aldermen Cochran, Pass, Gunz, Wittig, Flehrantz, Grede, Greene, Meyer, Wels, Koerner and Sacerbinksi.

"Dave" looked as stately as of yore, wearing his dignified facial expression and an ivory topped cane. He seated himself at the press table, after greeting the reporters. The first question he directed at the reporters was, "How many Socialists are there in the council?" Then he launched into a denunciation of the native sons of California. "There's nothing to California now," said "Dave."

City Attorney's Argument.

MADISON, Wis., April 29.—City Attorney Hoan, Milwaukee, in his argument for the Wisconsin railroad argued for:

As to Labor Injunctions.

MADISON, Wis., April 30.—Assemblyman Douglas Anderson, who ably defended Assemblyman Kiefer's bill, which limits the power of the courts in issuing restraining orders and injunctions against labor, and was instrumental in the passage of the bill by the lower house, appeared before the senate judiciary committee Tuesday afternoon and opposed Thomas J. Neary, Clark Rosecrance, attorney for the street car company, and Chester Barnes, representing Kansas manufacturers, in their attempt to have the bill killed.

Bouquet for Minkley.

MADISON, Wis., April 28.—W. J. Anderson, legislative correspondent for the Milwaukee Free Press, in a news item to that paper, refers to Carl Minkley as the ally Socialist who has several times saved bills for himself and for others, from indefinite postponement by characteristic speeches. "The assembly always pays attention when either Minkley or Vint speaks," he says, "because when they take the floor, they always have something to say and they say it."

No County Non-Part.

MADISON, Wis., May 2.—There will be no "non-partisan" county election in Milwaukee county. The bill introduced by Assemblyman T. A. Manning providing for non-partisan elections by the assembly on Thursday morning was indefinitely postponed by the assembly on Thursday morning with other bills. Mr. Manning made another attempt to save the bill for the reason that he was informed by the sources close to Gov. McGovern that the governor would veto the bill.

LA CROSSE.

LA CROSSE, Wisconsin.—Social Democrats of this city held a meeting

Gorecki Bill Referred.

MADISON, Wis., April 29.—On motion of Senator Zophy, the sewerage commission bill was laid over, so that the substitute amendment, offered by the senate committee on education and public welfare, could be studied before being acted upon.

The Gorecki bill, prohibiting the sale or giving away of liquor upon private school premises, was referred to the senate committee on state affairs, on motion of Senator Biehler, who declared he had not had an opportunity to be heard on the measure.

That a desperate effort to either kill the bill or amend it so that its strength is lost, is indicated by the move made Tuesday morning.

Saves Ice Bill.

MADISON, Wis., April 29.—Although it was on the calendar for indefinite postponement by recommendation of the senate committee on corporations, Senator Zophy Tuesday morning succeeded in saving the Gorecki bill, which allows cities of the first class to establish and maintain municipal ice plants. The bill was ordered to engrossment by a vote of 13 to 8.

MADISON, Wis., May 1.—Milwaukee may now acquire and operate an ice plant and furnish ice to the poor at a low, fixed rate. The Gorecki bill, providing that

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derstand what Mr. Jenkins meant?"

"Yes, dad," replied the boy. "I think you have made a plain argument, but why do you illustrate the division of fish at the ratio of one to five?"

"Because," said his father, "the census reports of the United States show that the earnings of the workers in this country is \$2,431, or \$48.7 a day. They are paid an average of only one dollar of each six dollars he produces. Five of these dollars go to the speculating class known as capitalists. Now, Socialists admit that brains should receive just compensation as well as hands for useful service, but the exploiters of labor are not teachers, nor ministers, physicians, artists, musicians, editors nor inventors. They are speculator-barnacles, "financiers" whose work consists in getting property for which they render no equivalent. They are those who reap where they do not sow."

"But," asked Billy, "do not some of these capitalists own the machines, such as the steel mills, locomotive works, etc., and should they not receive good rentals for their uses?"

"Yes," said Mr. Jones, "that class of capitalists (as distinguished from the purely speculating brand of capitalists), should be well compensated, but even they get about four times more profit than they ought to receive, besides they own the stocks, and crowd down the wages of their employees so that they may reap big dividends on these mountains of watered or fraudulent stocks. But even they who own the machines cannot get their money without the aid of the workers. They are skilled presses or farm machinery. They are skilled workmen only in watering stocks, cornering food-stuffs and promoting sharp schemes to rich from honest industry colossal riches for which they return no equivalent. Tommy Astor did have a legal ownership of right and justice, but he had no real ownership in it because he never returned to its makers any value for the property. He got the tackle for nothing and then demanded five-sixths of the fish caught by it.

"All of the captains of industry of the sort I have named might tomorrow be dropped into mid-ocean, and still all the brains required to construct every labor machine in existence would not be started an hour. If there should be a great cataclysm of nature and the steamships and steel works and cotton mills and all other machines were destroyed, and the people were not killed, who would replace all these things? The well-to-do gentlemen? Would it be necessary to carry on civilization? Would it be necessary to carry on stock watering interest-gathering gentlemen? Well hardly! Not one of them could make a bob-sled, raise a turnip or manufacture a single useful implement superior to a stone hatchet. If what I mentioned should happen, civilization would become extinct. Money, mortgages, notes, bonds, stocks, etc., would be as valuable as the leaves of a tree. Who could rebuild the factories and railroads, and carry on civilization?

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tion? Why, the inventors, the skilled mechanics, the chemists, the workers in every branch of industry who labor with head or hands. They produced all the desirable material things and they alone could replace them. Today the skilled employes from general manager to the toker, are carrying on the great manufacturing plants, and not the owners of the plants. The hired employes and are considered as laborers and wage workers by Socialists. The owners the Tommy Astors. They secured the private ownership of the means of production (the fishing rods) and pocket uncounted millions of profit while they keep their employees down to the dirt. The employes are so busy fishing that they don't get time to enquire into the reason why the shrewd Tommy Astors and the Andy Swabbies, and Rocky Carnegies, lie in the shade on the banks enjoying the sweet songs of birds and reading the latest love-stories in the magazines, as then in the divide get so many fish that they have to get a boat, thinking out plans for giving a few hundred millions for libraries, buying nice dukers for their daughters, or giving grand banquets to poodle dogs."

"Well," said Billy, "I now see quite clearly the reason why intelligent working people become Socialists as soon as they study the subject a little. People are coming to understand that all who do useful service, whether with hand or head, are workers. I notice that many college professors and clergymen and literary men and women are becoming Socialists and the movement is steadily gaining adherents in all parts of the civilized world."

"Yes," responded Mr. Jones, "it is a great and good movement, founded on pure justice and right. It proposes a co-operative commonwealth in which every worker, with head or hands in every useful pursuit, shall receive the full value of his labor less only an assessment of a light tax necessary to carry on the government. It says that lands, and air, and water and sunshine, and the power of steam and electricity, were all intended by the Creator for the benefit of the whole human family and should not be selfishly monopolized by individuals or their own private benefit to the detriment of their fellow men. It will have private property under Socialism; but it will be that kind which is not necessary for the public to use for the common good. All utilities which the public have to use to carry on civilization will be used collectively or Socialistically. Every captain of industry or general manager or superintendent or civil engineer at the head of industrial enterprises as well as all other employes will be equitably rewarded for the services he renders to the commonwealth."

"Socialism says incentives properly directed is good, is necessary, but when it prompts selfish, greedy men to concoct schemes through which they may amass great fortunes, it is not an equivalent therefore; when it drives them to corner the food-stuffs of a nation, forcing millions of people into poverty, dividing the people into two classes—one class fabulously rich, the other class distressingly poor, then such incentives become dangerous and should be bridled."

"Socialism would not destroy nor check the normal healthy incentive of anybody, but on the contrary, would stimulate it in everybody. The fear of some timid people that under

Socialism Moves Up.

A few years ago Socialism and Socialism were regarded with fear by most people, who couldn't manage to understand that there was any difference between Socialism and anarchy. The black hand had not been in vogue at that time, but the sentiment with which it is regarded are not unlike those entertained a few years ago toward Socialism.

But the Socialists are no longer regarded so gravely. We have been listening to them, and discovering that they have no plan of blowing us all up with gas-pipe bombs, a la Hay-market, or burning our houses over our heads, in the gentile fashion of the insinuating British militant members of the Socialists. In fact, are getting studied in our intellectual laboratories very much as germs, atoms, molecules and the spectra of twin stars are studied. Note, for instance, that the Hon. Victor Berger, long-time Socialist congressman and known to all Washington as one of the "good fellows" of the house, is out on a lecturing tour; and observe where he is talking Socialism. A newspaper report says:

"Mr. Berger will lecture on Socialism at Columbia university at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He will speak at Wesleyan university, in Middletown, Conn., on Tuesday, at Yale on Wednesday, at Harvard on Friday. He said he was forced to refuse a request to speak at Princeton on this trip because he had to hurry back to Milwaukee."

Socialism isn't going to do much harm, when the community takes this view of it. It would take a much more violent person than Mr. Berger to find the folks who used to fear him are now sending the engraved invitations, long and full, and tell the leading universities about his cult.—Washington Times.

THE PARTY CLEAN-UP.

ABOUT THE KERR COMPANY.

Editor Social-Democrat: Unless my memory deceives me, the Charles H. Kerr Publishing Company was organized and established by red card members of the Socialist Party for the purpose of publishing and distributing Socialist literature. Its funds were obtained by such a representation. The Lyceum Lecture Bureau was established by officers of the party as an adjunct to the Socialist party. But the Kerr company in sending out literature for the lecture bureau is insidiously boosting syndicalism and sabotage. The Socialist party has declared against both. In receiving my book I also received by the same mail a letter slip cunningly suggesting the use of sabotage and advising the purchase of Emile Paugue's book on that subject. An red card member I most emphatically object the dissemination of anti-Socialist literature through the channels of the party. If aforesaid Kerr & Co. desire to fight the party and party principles let them get outside of the organization and sail under their true colors.

The most dangerous foe of an army is the traitor within its own ranks. The most cowardly opponents of a party are those enemies who come in the guise of friends. Deliver me from my friends; from my enemies I can defend myself.—A. G. Groh, in California Social-Democrat.

ONE I. W. WING'S OPINION OF THE OTHER!

"Thompson, an I. W. W. (read Chicago Anarch I. W. W.) organizer, arrested while signing up as members doubtful characters in saloons, was sentenced to fifty days on the rock pile."—A Pueblo despatch.

Obviously the "industrialism" of the Chicago concern is preserving its lodging-house characteristics—constituting ONE union, not as an organic body, but in the sense that an ulcer is ONE lump of putridness.—Weekly People, N. Y.

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WASHINGTON—Warning the house that "Socialism was knocking at the door," and that only "waking to the new era could stem the tide," Representative Martin Dies of Texas, Democrat, this afternoon urged the Republican minority to stick to their heresies.

WASHINGTON—The republic of China has been officially recognized by the United States. A cablegram to this effect was received today by Acting Secretary of State Moore from E. T. Williams, charge d'affaires of the American legation at Peking.

Berlin, Germany.—The Kaiser is said to be much perturbed over the disclosures of Dr. Carl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, in regard to the action of the two German armaments companies in trying to stir up trouble between France and this country in order to sell their wares.

Cardinal Gibbons and Socialism

very much concerned? Perhaps another news item which appeared some time prior to the one quoted in the beginning of this article might throw some light on the matter. It reads: Cardinal Gets \$25,000 for Anti-Socialism.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 51st and 57th Ward branch, Philadelphia, owing to largely increased membership, have taken new headquarters and now meet every Monday, 8 p. m., in 4115 Locust street.

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HOW STRIKE NEWS IS SUPPRESSED

Mother Jones and 45 men were on trial before a military court in Paint Creek Junction, W. Va., charged with conspiracy to murder. Mother Jones and five leaders refused to plead.

CHARLESTON, West Virginia.—The plant of the Labor Argus, the Socialist weekly, which has fought valiantly for the striking miners in the Kanawha Valley, and whose editor, Charles H. Bobbitt, was arrested for activity in the struggle for unionism in the coal fields, was forcibly seized yesterday by order of Governor Hatfield.

HERE ARE THE FACTS ABOUT WEST VIRGINIA'S SHAME

It is one of their serious grievances. Here are the things they are demanding: "Abolition of the mine guard system." "A reform in the system of docking."

MOTHER JONES' BRAVE WORK

"I have been with Mother Jones when she was compelled to walk the creek, having been forbidden to go upon the footpaths that happened to be upon the property of the companies and denied even the privilege of walking along the railroad track, although hundreds of miners and others were walking on it at the time.

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YOUR PART IN THIS GREAT WORK. As I write this, my eye runs over the map of our great country, north, south, east and west.

Charge Plot to Murder. The developments of the winter have been under the regime of a third governor, who came to the state house at a season when part of the commonwealth was under martial law.

THE MOB. Help us educate all the workers of Milwaukee, Comrade, by helping us maintain The Leader. Help us NOW when we need your help most.

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Now, suppose young Astor would indignantly retort: "Look here, Bill Jones, you are getting to be too smart. Didn't I furnish the rod and hook and tell you how to do the fishing?"