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HERBERT SPENCER ON RULERS

The earlier traditions represent rulers as gods or demigods. By these subjects, primitive kings were regarded as superhuman in origin, and superhuman in power.

Not even here has the change ended. Besides the average opinions which we have just described as current among ourselves, there exists a less widely disseminated philosophy...

With advancing political ideas has come still greater restriction of imperial power. This is the historical character of the ruler, long ago repudiated by ourselves, for example, has left behind it nothing more than the popular tendency to ascribe unusual goodness, wisdom and beauty to a king.

Five industrial classes were at this time struggling for the mastery in America. The pioneer was held the reins in power. However, their interests were by no means identical and there were many points of disagreement concerning a political program.

OPPONENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE MAKES QUEER CHARGE

The Rev. Peter E. Dietz, the forerunner of the "yellow union" and the general in command of the Catholic Militia of Christ, is devoting the time which he has dedicated to serving the Lord by seeking to attach to Socialism the odium of general depravity and to capitalism the sanctity of a divine order.

Socialism, he is certain, is un-Christian. He races the "social revolution" back to the Garden of Eden, and finds in the Lord's command to Adam to "eat thy bread in the sweat of thy brow," justification for the Catholic hierarchy's insistence that the labor question and Socialism involve religious issues upon which, as the sole keepers of faith and morals, the hierarchy alone is competent to pass.

man From Mars. "You find him \$10 also, and, as he didn't have the money to pay, he had to go to jail, where he will do nothing but loiter for the next 30 days."

OUR ARMAMENT TRUST

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The further the investigation started by Secretary of the Navy Daniels goes into the question of armor plate, the graver the light that is thrown on the cause of war scares and the methods by which peace palaces are constructed.

For the working class directly they succeeded in shortening hours and improving conditions in many directions. They even brought sufficient pressure to bear upon the national government to secure the abolition of a 10-hour work-day for the coal-miners.

THE MAN FROM MARS

The Man From Mars happened in at police court one day. After he had finished the trial, the judge declared a brief recess and came down from the bench to shake hands with his distinguished visitor.

NATIONAL PARTY GAINS

CHICAGO, Illinois.—That the revival of interest and increase in enthusiasm for Socialism reported by many states is now general, is shown by the report of the national office of the Socialist party for August.

MUNICIPAL CARS

SAN FRANCISCO, California.—A municipally built, owned and operated street railroad, which has paid a profit of \$19,300 in the first seven months of its operation, although for all except seven weeks of that time it had "neither beginning nor terminus," was the principal reason for the city government's decision to construct 1 1/2 miles as the nucleus of a complete municipal system.

SOCIALISM IN NEW CHINA

The Saturday Review, a new Socialist weekly published at Medford, Ore., has remarkable news from Ng Poon Choo, editor of the leading Chinese daily of San Francisco, from which the following is taken:

"We are going to adopt many of the principles of Socialism," he said. "But we do not believe in the Socialism of Marx. In the Chinese chamber of deputies are 45 Socialists. We propose to have public ownership of everything publicly used, private ownership of everything else."

"To me Socialism has always held out the hope of final disarmament of the nations. I am a student of the tendencies in European politics looking for this end. But we in China have many other political problems to work out, many difficult problems to solve, before we can achieve or realize the great things that Socialists yearn to bring about."

A LETTER FROM GOEBEL

In your issue of August 16th you printed a letter from A. M. Simons, the same containing mainly insinuations against the membership of the National committee.

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The motion fixing 400 provides that if that number is not obtained, a vote of the national committee shall be taken to determine whether the Lyceum shall continue. This motion did not carry, so the work of soliciting contracts shall continue while such a vote was being taken, and National Secretary Lernerlek has now submitted this question of interpretation to the national executive committee.

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The Lyceum department reports that 25 contracts for lecture courses have been received. As the national committee decided that 400 contracts must be signed by Sept. 1 to insure the continuance of the plan, strenuous efforts are being made to reach that number.

Now, why did I take such position? Briefly, here are the reasons. Because we were not asked us to take up the matter.

Because the present N. E. C. while all honest and sincere in their position, were not able to give an impartial decision in this matter. I have been for a long time held prejudice against Warren and The Appeal, and cannot refrain from showing it even in an ordinary conversation. Frankly, I am as prejudiced as the other side, because I have approved all the appeal has done, nor think it has made no mistakes, but, because, out of my experience as an organizer, covering most of this country, I know The Appeal has done things which have done me that far outweighs all its mistakes.

Because the N. E. C. has no right or power to take up such matters. To do so would set a dangerous precedent, and would show the National organization in all manner of personal differences. Every National convention, either in its committee of constitution, or in the open floor of the convention, has refused (and rightly) to give such power to the N. E. C.

And most important of all: To take up matters such as this means an interjection into the affairs of the year to see the debts wiped out, the party membership greatly increased, and the party in the fore-front of every effort of the working class toward reform. These results can only be achieved by the N. E. C. and National committee concentrating on constructive, broad visioning activity that will send inspiration and cheer clear about the line, and tolerating no efforts to drag us aside from this high purpose.

GEORGE H. GOEBEL, Newark, N. J., Aug. 26, 1913. Interest and other charges, including 13 per cent for depreciation, the net profit of \$9,925. The United Railroads never charged less than a net profit for depreciation, and the Chicago railroads never more than 14. Of the 45,430 votes cast, 31,689 were for the bonds and 13,741 against them.



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HELINGSFORS, Finland.—The final results of the recent elections to the diet, which are now available, show that the new chamber will be constituted as follows: Social-Democrats, 90; Old Finns, 23; Young Finns, 28; Sweden, 23; Agrarians, 23.

LONDON, England.—A proposal of federating all the laborers' unions in the country will be put forward at the trade union congress to be held in Manchester shortly. The scheme, which emanates from the national council of general laborers, will affect, if it is adopted, 10 unions with a total membership of 250,000.

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—The Belgian Socialists do not propose to trust to the good will of the capitalist parties to carry out their agreement to revise the suffrage which was made as a condition of the calling off of the general strike.

MILWAUKEE'S BIG LABOR DAY
The greatest Labor Day celebration ever held in Milwaukee, was in manner in which Frank J. Weber, business agent of the Federated Trades' council, characterized Monday's parade of 45,000 workers which was held in line from Brisbane hall, marched east on Chestnut street, and then swept up Third street, to Paist park.

single task of procuring universal suffrage. The Belgian Socialists with the memory of the terrible sacrifices of the general strike fresh in their minds and the desire to avoid a repetition of that struggle, will respond almost to a man.

DUBLIN, Ireland.—James Keir Hardie, the Socialist and independent labor member of parliament, will be one to assist the tramway workers in their strike.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20, 1913. (TO THE EDITOR.) Have just read your editorial comment of Alton Parker's Ohio State Bar association address which I had mailed to you.

Painters No. 222; Painters No. 322; Tile Layers and Helpers No. 3; Building Laborers No. 113; Granite Cutters, Marble Workers, Helpers No. 73; Carpenters District Council; Carpenters No. 188; Carpenters No. 1,447; Carpenters No. 1,053; Carpenters No. 1,518; Carpenters No. 1,588; Carpenters No. 522; Carpenters No. 1,748.



Top, left—Trophy presented to Machinists by Milwaukee Leader. Right—parade turning into Third Street. Center—Crowds at Brisbane Hall watching parade from. Bottom, left—Group of Broom Makers waiting for the signal to march. Bottom, right—J. P. Frey, principal speaker of the day.

by. The Longshoremen were dressed in their working clothes, as were the Painters and Granite Cutters, and several of the other crafts.

Attacks Injunctions. He bitterly attacked the use of the injunction, so readily granted by the capitalist judges against labor, during strikes.

Nothing Happened. And then after all, nothing—or next to nothing—happened. Some of the Socialist officials did their jobs well; some failed utterly.

even 50 per cent. It was the workman's opportunity. Parliament tried to tie him down. The statute of Laborers enacted that wages should be those of two years ago.

THE GOLDEN AGE

Through the medieval workman's life, through the golden age of English labor, it is merry England then. We read it in the joyous literature of the times. We see it in the laws. And in every indication of agricultural wages were twice what they are today.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

Young Folks in Action

Contributions solicited. Write briefly. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUES
OF N. J. The provisional organization held its second meeting on Sunday Aug. 3, at 10:30 p. m., at the Newark Labor Lyceum.

DOG UNDERSTANDS 300 WORDS

I have in my scrap-book the account of many intelligent dogs about which I have talked with my youthful readers, but Dixie Taylor owns a dog named "Jasper" who manifests greater intelligence than any dog I know.

Puzzles

A prize of a Socialist pamphlet will be given for the first correct answer to the following mixed-up words. ROLLEDDII SLIPE FO BIPUL NUDPREL

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SENATOR DAGUE'S STORIES

BEAVERS CARRY ON BUSINESS SOCIALISTICALLY

I have in former contributions to Our Young Folks written quite lengthily about beavers but I will again venture to repeat some of the interesting facts recorded in a book recently published by Enos A. Mills entitled, "In Beaver World."

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PAYS TRIBUTE TO SEIDEL

much larger scale municipal dances are in successful operation, there is no audibly opposition to the plan—largely, again, because there is no talent of Socialism about it. At least, if the municipal dances were proposed by the Socialists one is certain that there would be a large and violent outcry against them.

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