

For President.....EUGENE V. DEBS. For Vice-President.....BENJAMIN HANFORD.

GROWTH OF THE SOCIALIST VOTE:

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We have confidential information that preparations are being made by one of the old-party national committees for a mendacious attack upon the record and personality of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate for President, to be "sprung" through the capitalist press in all parts of the country a few days before election, when it will be too late for the Socialist party to reach the whole people with a reply.

The exact nature of the intended attack we have not been able definitely to ascertain; but we know that there is nothing too false, too cowardly, or too vile for the old-party politicians to attempt, if they can hope to scare back into their party folds a few thousands of the workmen who are on the point of casting Socialist votes for the first time.

It is possible that the detection of the plan and the publication of this warning will have the effect of nipping the dastardly scheme in the bud. If so, well and good. But we cannot count upon that.

At any rate, Socialists everywhere should be on their guard, and should do all in their power to put other voters on their guard. Let every reader show this article to his neighbors and shopmates now, so that they may be prepared to discount any so-called "revelations" that may appear on the eve of election.

In the course of an otherwise very fair article about the Socialist party, the Washington "Times" says:

Most of the Socialists would rather see half-way reforms fail; they say that if the capitalists once get absolute control of things, all in one party, then the people will be forced into an opposition party, and that will be the Socialist's opportunity.

This is probably not a wilful misrepresentation. Very likely it is as near as the writer could get to a correct understanding of the Socialist position with regard to capitalist reforms. His statement sounds something like the true one. But this is one of the cases where "a miss is as bad as a mile." For, in fact, it is a most complete misstatement.

With us Socialists it is not a question of wishing half-way reform to succeed or to fail. Wishes do not count for much in political and economic development. We Socialists do not spend our time in wishing. We study conditions and tendencies, foresee the trend of economic evolution, and adapt our action in harmony with it so as to bring the best results with the least waste of energy.

No matter how hard we or anybody else might wish to see the evils of capitalist society removed by half-way reform, the hard fact would remain that capitalist society will not and cannot reform itself, that the alleged reforms advocated (part of the time) by the Democratic party do not remove the evils, but only impede evolution of capitalism and perpetuate its fundamental evils.

The trouble with such critics as this writer in the Washington "Times" is that they cannot distinguish between foreseeing a thing and desiring it. The skilled physician, when called to attend at the birth of a child, is not insensible to the mother's pangs. But his sympathy with her does not prompt him to administer any proffered nostrum to stop the pain. An ignorant bystander may accuse him of hard-hearted egotism and say he would rather see the woman suffer than permit her to be relieved in any but his own way.

The Socialist party does not here and now and never has, here or elsewhere, opposed reform as such. It has always and everywhere advocated and promoted measures which, while alleviating the evils of capitalist society, also tend to strengthen the organization and the resisting and constructive power of the working class, promote its physical welfare and increase its moral and intellectual vigor, and to prepare the way for the overthrow of capitalism and the emancipation of humanity from the rule of property. But it has opposed, and it will continue to oppose, a great many propositions which masquerade under the name of reform and which are really reactionary and confusing, which really tend to weaken the workers and strengthen the hold of the capitalists upon society.

If you would protect workmen in the right to organize, to use their collective power to improve their wages, hours, and conditions of labor through the peaceful methods of the strike and the boycott, give your support at the polls to the Socialist party, the only party which frankly and unequivocally stands for this right.

A vote for the Socialist ticket is a vote for a shorter workday, increased chances of employment, less competition among the workers, and a consequent increase of pay.

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For Governor.....JOSHUA WANKHOFF. For Lieutenant-Governor.....GUSTAVE STRUBEL.

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THE LILY OF THE BOG.

By FERENC HERCZEG. (Translated by Thomas Seitzer.)

SYNOPSIS.

Juriska, an aristocratic young man is engaged to Adele, daughter of a peevish and conventional professor, because of the dowry that is promised him. He becomes infatuated with a beautiful flower girl whom he met in the street and later in a cafe. When he visited her she confessed that she was supported by Prince Hadzuras.

(Continued from Friday.)

CHAPTER IX.

It was probably owing to his excitement that, contrary to his habit, he arose early on Sunday morning. The happy twittering of birds came through the open window. On the edge of the opposite roof perched a swallow, the first swallow he had seen that year. It put him into a spring mood.

With his overcoat slung over his arm, he left his apartment. On the knob of the outer door he found a bunch of violets. Who would have prepared the little surprise for him? Jessi! He drew in the sweet breath of the blossoms, and instead of going to the centre of the city, he turned his steps down Andrássy street.

The lemon-faced old woman opened the door for him again with an unfriendly expression as before, but this time she let him enter. Jessi called to him from the adjoining room that she had just gotten up and would slip right into some clothes. In a few minutes she came in still rubbing her sleepy eyes, and smiling like a well-bred child, she reached out her cool, little child's hand to Juriska.

He told her he had come to take leave. Instead of answering Jessi threw open the window, and a warm breeze fanned her face and ruffled her towed hair. Outside shone a sunny day of spring.

"How stupid people are for living at night and sleeping by day!" said Jessi a few moments later. "I found that out yesterday. I spent the whole day on Margaret Island. I was alone, and I roamed all day long over the grass and in and out of the ruins. I almost wept when the time came for returning home. To-day I'm going to the country again."



THE LIFE LINE.

IS REVOLUTION IMMINENT?

By ROBERT HUNTER.

One evening I was sitting with a band of highwaymen—all millionaires of the ordinary anarchist type. They had worked themselves into a passion about social injustice, and were hinting at revolution. "The people won't stand for it," one of them shouted. "He is an arrogant autocrat," blurted out another.

with his hat well over his eyes and his coat tightly buttoned stepped up, and in a husky voice said: "Have either of you gentlemen got the price of a bed. I've been out of work for over two months." "You probably wouldn't work," said the little man.

ROTTEN RIPE.

By HENRY T. JONES.

"The time isn't ripe for Socialism. Socialism very likely will come, but the time for it has not yet arrived." This is the argument Socialists frequently get from wage-slave voters who don't want to "throw away their votes on a party that cannot win next November."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Call: As a constant reader of your paper, which I admire for its frank views on all questions of human interest, permit me to say a few words with regard to your theistic critic's opinion as to the ability of the new Yiddish "star," Mr. Isidor Goldberger.

hat of modest form shaded her face. "We can remain until evening," she said. On the street Juriska looked about for a cab. "You are afraid to be seen with me aren't you?" she asked with a soft smile.

There was no time to buy tickets, so in place of a ticket Juriska slipped a banknote into the hand of the sailor on the gangway. There were only a few passengers on the vessel. Jessi stood on deck holding onto her hat, her dress fluttering in the wind, the contented smile she every now and then turned on Juriska showing the joy with which she drew in deep draughts of the keen air.

PREMATURE BURIAL A MYTH.

In the October "American Magazine" Dr. Woods Hutchinson, writing on "The Curiosities of Sleep," says: "It might be incidentally mentioned, for the relief of anxious souls, that the risk of any individual passing into a trance and remaining in it long enough to be buried alive is exceedingly slight. There is no authentic instance of this having ever occurred. I took occasion to investigate this question some years ago, and communicated with a number of leading undertakers, and they all unanimously denounced it as one of the myths of the nineteenth century."

Why, I have nothing to conceal - the common people gave me this where did you get yours? I call that an impertinent question. Tell him it's none of his business. (From the Hills Daily Register)