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## AMERICA RUSSIANIZED

There can be no doubt that a systematic censorship of Socialist newspapers is being conducted by the National Postal officials.

The method chosen is to withdraw the second-class rates of 1 cent a lb. from the obnoxious papers. This is an effective suppression. For instance, the new costs The Socialist about two dollars a week to mail its issues. If the second-class privilege were withdrawn, it would cost us nearly \$40 a week.

We were loath to believe that a great department of the U. S. Government could possibly be prostituted to such a purpose. But the reports that come from all parts of the country leave no room for doubt.

"The Challenge" has already had its second-class admission cancelled by the department. And now "The Appeal to Reason" is notified that its admission will be cancelled on Nov. 29, unless it show cause why not.

"The Workers' Call" in Chicago has been subjected to petty restrictions and threatened with exclusion.

The experience of The Socialist also should be told to its readers so that they need not be surprised at any outcome.

Several weeks ago we were supplied with one application-blank and directed to make out a new application.

Our first application was accepted above a year ago and we could see no reason why we should make out a new one. We did not hurry very much until we were informed pretty sharply that if we didn't "get a move on us," we would find The Socialist shut out of the mails.

Upon inquiry about town we could not learn that any other paper had been obliged to make out a new application, though there are some sixty other periodicals issued in this city.

Why was The Socialist singled out of these sixty, and forced to make out a new application?

A few weeks later we received a new letter, notifying us that by direction of the Department at Washington, we should present our subscription books and "original orders" to the local postmaster for inspection.

We obeyed and were able to satisfy the postmaster that we had a legitimate list of subscribers. No doubt he will report as much to his chief, the Third Assistant Postmaster General. But the question arises, what is this "Third Assistant" after anyway? Does he think Socialist papers are trying to cheat the government and evade the laws?

The truth probably is that no other papers have a list so truly "legitimate" as the Socialist press. They cannot afford to carry "deadheads" on their books year after year as so many small weeklies do. Our subscription price is so low and our eagerness to reach new ones too great to carry any but paying subscribers.

Our own custom is to give every subscriber a fair and full chance to renew and if he declines, then we drop him at once.

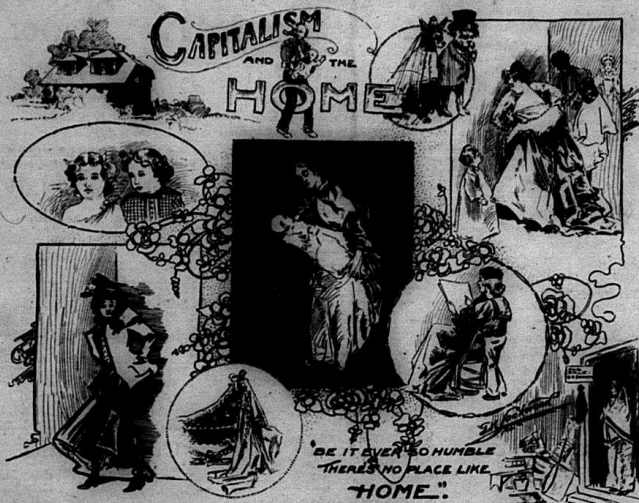
Not the only possible reason Socialist papers have been singled out in this way must be the wish to suppress them. We might as well face the fact. The Capitalist party in power is resolved upon strangling this rising brood of Socialist newspapers.

"The Third Assistant" is not acting upon his own initiative. He would not dare, even though he is a "Labor Leader," elevated to his present position for some definite purpose.

Madden is acting under orders. He has a definite plan. He is Russianizing America. He is becoming a Censor of the Press. His alleged reason for excluding "The Challenge" is absurd, and if a man had not a right to "advocate his own ideas," and as if this were not the express purpose of every editorial writer, to expound, make known, "advertise" his own ideas.

That "The Appeal to Reason" has not a perfectly legitimate list of subscribers no sane man can believe for a moment. Because some detective found a few on the list who did not send money from their own pockets—

## Homes of Capitalism



## Socialism will Make ALL Homes Good

is no reason to conclude the majority were such. And any person has a right to make some friend in a present of a book. Shall he not also be allowed to present him with a subscription to a paper?

"All these are pretexts, of course. The plain fact is Socialist papers are to be suppressed, if possible.

Well, what of it? Will the attempt succeed?

"There is an old principle expressed in these words: 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.'"

The result of this attempt to suppress Socialist freedom of speech in America will be what it was in Germany under Bismarck's proscription laws, the far greater spread and triumph of Socialism.

We are not saying what we shall do, if our new application is denied, but we don't expect to die easy.

"The way to end Anarchy is to cease producing it."—Debs.

Socialism is the only hope of the race.

### NOW FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The program for our THIRD GRAND ENTERTAINMENT AND BALL is now completed.

The chief and most unique feature will be a series of Stereoscopic Cartoons under the direction of Comrade A. G. Seibert. Local hits will be made on the Republican and Democratic Candidates for Mayor at next Spring Election, on "Uncle Sam" and other well-known Socialists, &c., &c.

Comrade Seibert will also display a few "Moving Pictures" of which he has some very striking and very amusing.

Our two prize Juvenile Dancers, Katie Hazelgrove and Enola McIntyre will both appear in their most graceful performances. They have been both working hard since we saw them last spring when they were engaged again and again. They are the most finished and popular Juveniles in the city.

The beautiful professional Balladist, Enola Bell, forms another prime attraction.

Mr. John A. McAuliffe, the great Baritone singer, will furnish another number on our program.

This time we want to give greater prominence to the social features, as we expect a good many of our friends from out of town. The dancing led by Lubeen's Orchestra will begin at 9:30 sharp.

Geo. E. Boomer will act as Floor Manager with G. H. Peters as Associate.

The sale of tickets is going on at a great rate. Make it a thousand this time, Comrades and eclipse anything we have ever done.

Then we'll have a bigger and a better paper to spread the gospel of Socialism.

### FAIRHAVEN SOCIALISTS.

We are much gratified to receive just in time for this press the Fairhaven nominations and platform. The latter is almost an exact reproduction of the Everett platform and shows Fairhaven to be all right. The nominations:

For mayor—John Cloak, blacksmith.  
For councilman-at-large—Geo. Robertson, baker.

For council, 3d ward—M. Danekel, teamster.

For council, 5th ward—W. H. Daniels, laborer.

For council, 6th ward—M. Belleisle, carpenter.

For treasurer—Geo. Armstrong, laborer.

For clerk—John Florence, laborer.  
For health officer—John Getty, bricklayer.

We had a grand convention. House was packed, though of course some came through curiosity. WALLACE.

### WHATCOM SOCIALISTS.

A New Departure in Socialist Tactics—A Socialist Ticket Nominated on a Taxpayers' Platform. Not a Hint of Socialism in the Platform. A Bid for Votes.

We clip the following from a Whatcom daily. We did not at first believe it a correct and full report. But we now have direct evidence that it states the exact facts:

**Nominations.**  
For mayor, E. Lux; for councilman at large, P. L. Hegg; for councilman Third ward, B. Phil Buhre; for councilman Fifth ward, C. Martens.

**Whatcom Platform.**  
To place the new water main as soon as possible. To abolish contract letting wherever legal and practical. To enforce all laws.

The proposed warrant issue is declared unnecessary. The platform further pledges to engage in no expensive enterprise or grant a franchise without the approval of the people expressed by referendum vote. To give publicity to all bids received and to all financial transactions other than routine business. To ascertain the cost of an efficient electric light plant and to submit plans and terms to a vote at the city election in 1922.

Mr. Lux made the following remarks on the issues in which the Socialists are interested:

The first question we will be asked is how we are to pay for the new water main, being opposed to the proposed warrant issue. With the water revenue surplus of \$21,000 a year and the option to levy a tax of two mills on the property benefited by the improvement, we have sufficient cash to pay for the digging of the ditch.

We agree to pay for the pipe within two years of delivery or in \$5,000 sums until paid. The total can be raised in three years and there is no need of any bonds or warrants to do the work. Let the city do the work directly under competent supervision or let the contract in sections directly to the men doing the work. Next to the water main the question of how to most profitably and permanently use the property recently acquired by the city should be considered. A comparatively smaller

space is required for a light plant. The mill was designed and is best fitted for lumbering with its waterway for logs. By constructing a new flume on the other side of the creek and erecting a building near Seventeenth and C streets, the water power can be used for an electric light plant and the mill leased for other purposes, fitted by the city or lessee with steam power. Thus the greatest revenue and permanent use would be insured.

Now turn and read the Everett comrades' platform published in last week's issue. For purposes of comparison and contrast we reprint it here:

**Everett Platform.**  
"We affirm our allegiance to the state and national platform of the Socialist Party of America, and as a means to the attainment of the ends therein set forth we advocate the following:

"First, The city to grant no franchises whatsoever to private parties and to administer the government in the interest of the working class.

"Second, The municipality to own and operate waterworks, lighting plants, street systems, and all public industries of a monopolistic nature.

"Third, No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening the hours of labor of the employees, and the cheapening of cost to the general public.

"Fourth, All work not strictly prohibited by law, to be done direct by the city, and not let by contract, to be performed by day's work, eight hours to constitute a day, the minimum pay to be \$2.25 per day, and citizens of Everett to be given preference in employment.

"Fifth, All taxes to be expended for the equal benefit of the whole community, and not the taxpayers only, and among other things, in the maintenance of clean streets, free hospitals, free reading rooms and free public baths.

"Sixth, The police power to be used to strictly enforce all laws and ordinances in an impartial manner, and to serve to all the full rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

A Committee on Municipalities has just been named by the National Committee of The Socialist Party. This committee was provided for by the Indianapolis National Convention. Its duties are to outline the best policy for Socialists to pursue in municipal elections.

Judging by the action of the Whatcom comrades, there is great and immediate need for the committee to complete its recommendations.

Socialists are putting up tickets in cities and towns throughout the states. In some places there is a chance of success at the polls—especially, if they consent to set Socialist principles in the background for the time, to substitute local issues, to play for the support of the taxpayers, to make favorable terms with influential interests, in a word, to set their sails to the favorable winds. We would not have believed it possible that any Socialist Local in this state could so far yield to this temptation for mere temporary success as the above platform of Whatcom discloses.

What good will it do to elect Socialists on a capitalist platform? Do they not cease to be Socialists when they cease to advocate Socialist principles?

### NOTICE.

EVERYBODY WHO HAS TICKETS PLEASE REPORT SUNDAY NIGHT NOV. 24TH, AT OUR REGULAR PROAGANDA MEETING IN GERMANIA HALL. SUNDAY IS THE BEST DAY TO SELL TICKETS. WE TRUST NO ONE WILL RETURN A SINGLE UNSOLD TICKET.

If you don't get your paper regularly let us know.

# THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

The Seattle Mail and Herald's principal writer is someone who wastes the second and third pages by musing them over with drives under the caption, "A Fool's Diary." A happier heading could not have been chosen. He appears much perturbed, in a late issue, about Socialism, and his arguments ring as empty as did the bells of his prototype in the English courts of few centuries ago. He suggests that an eternal quietus may be put upon Socialism by the school board guaranteeing "permanent and lucrative" employment to every graduate of the high school! Why the high school only, Mr. Fool? What about the vast majority of pupils who never reach high school because of the poverty of their parents who have jobs neither lucrative nor permanent? Why, giving a job to high school graduates would only be a drop in the bucket, and the injustice of only a few getting what all are entitled to would make your "quietus" a cyclonic centre of thunderous reverberations. But then it is a waste of time to argue about such a quietus quieting anything. "For I would like to know how in thunder, under the present system, for which the Mail and Herald's Fool and his various relations vote, anyone can guarantee anything to anybody, whether lucrative or not? I'll tell you what, Friend Fool, you're headed in the right direction, but your mental eyesight is so hobbled that you can't see far enough to be of any use. School directors can't even guarantee permanency to themselves, let alone anyone else. Just flop your mind over from school directors to the U. S. government (with the people's ownership of the industries) and then include everybody in the list, instead of a microscopic few high school graduates, to whom to guarantee lucrative and permanent situations, and you have Socialism in a nutshell. But the Fool is talking for the middle class; it is their children who go through high school. The children of the proletariat do not; they drop out of school long before, and, incidentally, the Fool apparently does not care a rap whether they are guaranteed either an education, a "lucrative" job, or anything else, as long as the children of his own class have a soft snap. However, I would humbly offer to the distinguished consideration of the Fool the fact that his plan wouldn't even cause Socialism to die. For while he is guaranteeing jobs to the few favorites of his small class, the great army of the working class, guaranteed nothing, not even a miserable, underpaid slave's existence, will demand equal industrial justice, and the great question of Socialism will grow and grow, until the establishment of the collective ownership of all the means of production and distribution shall guarantee to all the privileges and rights the Fool would extend to the few.

SAID DeLeon in the People the week before election: "The cry of anarchy will not affect the vote of the class-conscious S. L. P., but it will knock the stuffing out of the freaky Debitses." And the next week the S. L. P. vote in DeLeon's own bailiwick dropped from over 2000 down to less than a thousand, while the "Debitses" held their own and increased as a general thing. Danny may be a good knocker with his little hammer, but as a prophet he is a shining and successful failure.

THE Seattle Union Record, a capitalist labor paper, fulminates against the Socialists, claiming they are a stumbling block in the way of organized labor getting together politically. That may or may not be true. If because the Socialists, standing firmly for the class interests of the wage workers, really hold back the unions from chasing after political will o' the wisps, like Schmidt of Frisco, and insist that the workers, when they vote, shall cast their vote for the only thing that will help them—Socialism—then may the Socialists always be a "stumbling block" in the way of all who might otherwise be led astray by those who are so ignorant or so criminal as to desire personal preferment as against the welfare of his fellows.

Some of the labor papers which are so hastily printing eulogies of capitalist labor politician Schmidt of Frisco ought really to first read what the union labor paper of Frisco thinks about him, otherwise they may show their ignorance in a way that may disgust even their own readers.

The inference is now suggested that if the Socialist school directors had left all reference of Socialism out of their campaign and urged their election on personality instead of principle, all union men would have voted for them and they would have been elected. If this is true, then more shame to those union men and more honor to the Socialists. For years the people of this country have voted for men, regardless of principles. And what has been the result? A great big O as far as the working class is concerned. Right now is a good time to challenge certain union men and certain "labor" papers to discuss the question: "Resolved, That nothing short of complete Socialism will emancipate the working class, or make them, more sure of employment, or give them more of the fruits of their labor." Either this proposition is true, or it is not. If it is true, then all union men and all union labor papers that deny it become the worst enemies organized labor can have. If it is not true, then the Socialists should be silenced and dishonored by proving the falsity of their position. But the Socialists back up the proposition and challenge discussion with all comers. And no capitalist labor paper or labor mis-leader dare allow free discussion on the question. They are cowards, and they know it. And so do the Socialists know it.

It might be suggested that so long as the common people see the rich break the law with impunity, and not arrested simply because they are rich, as is the case with smuggling on Puget Sound, one reason is presented as to why we breed Czolgosz's. If the rich can be anarchists, why not the poor?

A SEATTLE mission gave out some 50,000 free meals to the "prosperous" American workmen last year, and also gave about the same number of free lodgings to those who are afraid to maintain homes that "Socialism would destroy." And right in the midst of the greatest prosperity the capitalist system has ever known. For how else could there be capitalist prosperity if there weren't thousands of paupers as evidence that the capitalist class has prospered by means of rent, interest and profit?

TO SEE the Union Record of Seattle, Wash., refusing to discuss Socialism because of "no politics," and the next week using a couple of columns to denounce the Socialist Party in favor of a mongrel political movement that can mean nothing to the working class, is liable to entuse his readers with neither a belief in its honesty nor with any idea of its courage.

"NO CLASSES," howls the daily press. "Those who teach the class struggle should be banished from the country." And the next day they all print a news dispatch from Chicago about union labor going into politics in behalf of the wageworkers, and that their candidate "will appeal wholly to that class." Every day in every daily you can see every telegraph editor making every kind of liar out of every editorial writer.

DURING the campaign in Ohio a few weeks ago Mark Hanna appealed to the voters to let "well enough alone" and vote to perpetuate the present prosperity conditions of the country. The next day, in answer to an ad. in a radical paper, 302 men applied for a position requiring extra experience at a salary of \$50 a month. That's a fair sample of capitalist prosperity—one job to 302 men. But they voted for it again, so I guess they've got no kick coming.

UNCLE SAM.

COMRADE GILBERT'S REPORT.  
A Busy Fortnight—Three New Locals Organized—All the Comrades Cheered and Stimulated—Route Laid Out for Future—Send Your Applications for Appointments to This Office.

Good meetings were held in Whatcombs and Fairhaven and from these places Geneva, Lynden and Ferndale were visited, and public meetings held in the two last named, and in all probability Locals will be established in these places. The Vernon was next visited and a Local formed there, and this place gives great promise of large results, as there are active and capable men interested. Comrade Hartz at this place is a power in himself. Thursday Everett will again be reached, then Snohomish, a school house some miles further on, the name of the place I do not know, as Comrade Louis Gottman has arranged to take me there from Snohomish. Then Granite Falls, Arlington, and Index will be visited and public meetings are arranged for at each of these places. This will bring me to the day before Thanksgiving, when I hope to return in time to enjoy the entertainment to be given by the E. U. and after having Thanksgiving dinner at home expect to start for Whitman County in time to attend the County Convention to be held there on the 30th of this month.

Fairhaven contributed \$5, Lynden \$4.25, and Everett \$100, towards my traveling expenses—Joseph Gilbert.

### ORGANIZERS' FUND.

Comrade Gilbert is now on his second month. Just about enough cash has been paid in to cover his first month's salary, \$60. Some comrades who pledged have forgotten, or either for October or November. Since last week Local Aberdeen has paid for November, \$3. Frank Boston paid toward the fund \$1, and John Systrom \$1.

### A STRAW FROM PA.

In 1900 the county vote of the Socialist Party was 333, the S. L. P. about 22 votes. This year we polled 478, and by reason of the confusion growing out of the S. L. P. injunction that forced us to take the name of Public Ownership for our state ticket 77 votes were credited to the S. L. P., 60 of which we know would have been cast for our party if our rightful name could have been used, which would have been 538. "We carried the Fifth ward of this city, the workmen's ward, formerly strongly Republican, by 51 plurality, and two townships as well, and now the old parties are wondering what we'll do in the spring. We are getting ready to put up the best fight of our organized existence, and you may confidently expect results that will be surprising and gratifying. This city must and will be the Haverhill of Pennsylvania."—New Castle correspondent of "Cleveland Citizen."

### A STRAW FROM IOWA.

The comrades at Hiteman, Ia., are well pleased with the outcome of their local election. In a total vote of 390, with five tickets in the field, the Socialist ticket received 150 votes. The Socialists were beaten by the Republicans by just one vote. Our vote last fall was 154 in a total of 438.

### A STRAW FROM KENTUCKY.

Covington, Ky., Nov. 11, 1901. Dear Comrade: The Socialist vote of Covington is as follows: 278 in city, 353 in Kenton County; last year 180 in city, 240 in county. Yours fraternally, F. J. LARAMER JR., 63 W. 10th St.

The only "leveling process" contemplated by Socialists is one that will raise the working class to a higher plane of civilization by removing the fear of want and placing each in possession of the entire product of his skill and industry. That there are those who "object most seriously" is not strange nor contradictory in the light of history, for among slaves and serfs were those who opposed emancipation, saying, "Who will give us food and shelter? Who will provide us with work to do when we have no owners?" So among wage workers there are those who wonder how they can subsist if no one can take from them three-fourths of the wealth they produce.—[Saginaw Expont.

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No blunderbuss they bear;  
They seize the waters and the lands;  
They're reaching for the air!  
With bribes and bonds and penned  
deceits,  
With charters and with codes,  
They grab the crowded city streets,  
They grab the country roads.  
In factory hive and field of wheat,  
In mart and thoroughfare,  
Their tolls and profits wear and eat  
Through all we eat and wear.  
The toiler's pay they shave and clip;  
The price to all they quote,  
They have the merchant on the hip;  
The wage slave by the throat.  
Down and deliver, luckless wights!  
They will not be denied,  
Those robbers, armed with vested  
rights,  
And statute-fortified.  
When nations feel their human worth,  
And lose their craven awe,  
Those law-made spoilers of the earth  
Will perish by the law.

—[Wm. R. Fox.]

**JUSTICE BEFORE CHARITY.**

The practice of devoting individual wealth to institutions designed for public benefit is a striking proof of the growing conviction among all people that the wealth of the world belongs to all humanity and cannot rightly be appropriated to the exclusive use of a few individuals. The "prisoner of poverty" and the multi-millionaire alike perceive the terrible injustice of one man being able to spread a feast with strawberries at "three dollars a dozen," while his brother man, hungry and ragged, walks the streets in a vain quest for "bread or work."

The glitter of wealth cannot blind the eyes to the wrong of one woman receiving as wedding gifts hundreds of thousands of dollars in costly gems while her sister woman wears her life away in exhausting toil in a sweat shop. Neither luxury nor want have so deadened human sensibilities that any class of society can be satisfied with a social condition that rears one child in excessive luxury, and leaves another, naked and starving, to beg its bread from door to door.

The great giving on the part of the world's wealthy men is their open acknowledgment of the rightful claim of humanity to a share in the wealth which they have individually amassed. Not many of them, possibly, would agree with Mr. Carnegie in saying that the state by a process of taxation ought to appropriate the bulk of a rich man's wealth at his death, but it is clear that the majority of them believe that they are but stewards of the vast wealth which has come into their possession.

But magnificent giving, beneficent as have been the results, is far from being a solution of the problem of wealth. That problem, briefly stated, consists, on the one hand, of the absolute need that modern civilization has of the massing of enormous wealth, and on the other, of the evils and injustice incident to the present system of its concentration in the hands of individuals. To wrest from a man what is rightfully his own and then bestow a part of it upon him in charity is not sound in theory, nor does it prove satisfactory in practice.

If Mr. Carnegie's suggestion should be carried out and the state appropriate the bulk of his property at his death, the state must become the owner of the mines, the railroads, the manufacturing establishments in which that wealth is invested. This, it seems to us, is the logical outcome to which the attempt of the wealthy class to meet the demands of the growing sentiment but adds another argument. Thus far, at least, it is the only solution in sight of the many sided wealth problem, for it is the only one founded on justice.

It is a good thing to pension one's employes when they are old. It is better to give them a just compensation for their toil, their rightful share in the

common profits, so that in old age they shall have no more need than their employer for a pension, and will be able to have the comforts of life during their lifetime and to appropriate for themselves and their children the twentieth century's magnificent opportunity for all-around development.

It is a good thing for individual capitalists to endow schools and charitable institutions. It will be infinitely better, when, under a different social system, the state takes care of all this, and one class of humanity is not pauperized by the gifts of another class whose members are composed of those who happen to be the fortunate creatures of the common environment.—[Union Signal, Chicago, national organ W. C. T. U.]

**The Insecurity of Work.**

As far as "security of work" is concerned, the workman of the present time is worse off than any of his predecessors in history.

In fact, the irregularity of his employment, the frequency with which he is out of work, is the most alarming feature of the workingman's condition. And this irregularity of employment is again the greatest tramp-maker.

The workman of today cannot work when he wants to work, or when there is work to be done, but he can only work when there is work for him, i. e., when the profit of the employer permits him to work.

Nowadays no manufacturer or employer can afford to give his men work when there is no profit in it for him.

And he surely cannot carry on production at a loss, at least not for any length of time.

In that case he has to stop business; he has to stop production.

Whether his workmen ought to work in order to live, is a matter of no consideration. The only matter of consideration is the "profit."

And this condition of things is rendered enormously more precarious by every new so-called "labor-saving device."

These new inventions, the e-victories of man, of society, over nature's physical forces, ought certainly to have been unqualified blessings to all.

Yet how often have they proven instruments of torture to the working class! How many has the introduction of new machinery thrown out of employment! How many existences have thereby been destroyed! How many workmen have thereby become tramps!

We are familiar with the commonplace that the outcry of the laborers against "new-fangled machinery" is a complaint born of ignorance; that in the end the working classes are as much benefited as other classes. But the "end" has not come yet, and at the present time this outcry is by no means an ignorant, childish complaint.—[Social Democratic Herald.]

**Why, Oh Why!**

Why is it that Rev. A. B. Ingram and preachers of his class are so quick to cry out against Socialism and denounce it as anarchy, but not a word of condemnation have they for the mobs of republican and democratic anarchists who mob Socialist speakers? And not a word escaped the lips of these same preachers when a democratic mob of anarchists kidnapped the strike leaders at Tampa, Florida, and shipped them to a lonely island, leaving them to starve to death. One of the men was torn away from his wife, who had just given birth to a child, and the shock over the cruel treatment of her husband caused her death.

Zolgoz was no worse than those democratic anarchists, and he was no worse than the preacher who is too cowardly to speak out and condemn them for their crimes against humanity. Shame on such preachers. They keep their mouths shut when the old anarchistic parties commit any crime, and by voting old party tickets they endorse the crimes of capitalism. God deliver us from such preachers. The pulpits need men who, like Jesus Christ, denounce the capitalists as "a den of thieves."—[Social Economist.]

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**Weighed and Found Wanting.**

In the steel strike, and for some time previous, so-called pure and simple unionism was on trial and was defeated!

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Nothing has been gained in lobbying. Labor laws are either declared unconstitutional or are not enforced.

Strikers and their sympathizers are fined and thrown into prison. The injunction meets us at every turn.

The boycott is illegal and encourages employers to start suits for damages. The blacklist has been legalized. Bogus labels flood the market.

Union men continue to vote against each other and nullify one another's political power at the ballot box.

Trade unionism is being hemmed in on all sides.

And those who are paid to think and lead occupy the same position today that they were in twenty years ago.

As has been stated in these columns before, when the rank and file wake up sufficiently to demand a change they will get it, and not before. Votes count.

Meanwhile, let the progressists stand solid for pure trade unionism—industrial organization and close federation, high dues and transfer of funds, political action based on the principles of Socialism.

Pure and simple unionism has been on trial and found wanting. Reorganize! —[Cleveland Citizen.]

**What Most Ministers Vote For.**

To the thoughtful observer the increase in the number of divorces being granted by our courts is alarming. Hardly a paper is published that does not record suits of this kind. The divine injunction, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," seems to have been forgotten.

Divorce suits now occupy a large part of the time of our courts. In one county in this state the records show more than seventy applications for divorce at a single term of the court. This county is no special exception. The same alarming increase is observable all over the country. It is not confined to the lower walks of life. Only a day or two ago Flagler, the Standard Oil magnate, by the turpitude of a Florida court, was permitted to set aside the woman who had been his companion for forty years and take in her place a buxom maid young enough to be his granddaughter. Young Sanger Pullman, son of the labor tyrant, another of the purse-proud law-breakers of our country, has just violated his marriage vows to the young actress whom he swore to love, honor and protect "till death should them part," and, by authority of the divorce laws of his state, took a new wife before the ink was dry on the order of the court. Recently the parliament of England was disgraced by a lecherous member of that body who thought to evade the marriage vow by action of a court in one of our western states.

The answer may be found without great search. The spirit of commercialism, the greed for gain; these are the mother of this brood of evils, chief of which is divorce. Until we locate the cause and apply the remedy, divorces, as well as other evils, will increase and multiply till our civilization has become honey-combed with rottenness and ruin.—[Southern Mercury.]

The question arises, why all this dissatisfaction? Why so many divorces? The calendar embraces men of all stations, high and low, rich and poor, noble and ignoble!

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