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INFAMOUS POLICE LAW IS ADOPTED

Nevada to be Patrolled by Armed Thugs Whose Sole Duty will be to Intimidate and Deport Union Men—Mrs. Hazlett still on Firing Line

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 29, 1908.
On Monday, Jan. 27, 1908, America entered upon a Russian policy of dealing with labor. The Cossack bill for handling strikers and dealing with troublesome Socialist and labor agitators passed the assembly, only eight having the stamina to vote against it. The frame-up was a shameless bulldoze—almost as bad as when Senator Nixon did all the filthy, buying work for the Southern Pacific in the legislature. He stood in the lobby and openly held up his fingers as an indication of how his plying retainers were to vote. All the senate came in and the members sat beside each assemblyman to watch his every act. Congressman Bartlett was there with his sly, dishonest, foxy face, and disreputable old Sparks, supreme court judge, all bought, too, probably—Wingfield has taken up a \$25,000 note for Supreme Court Judge Sweeney, it is said, and other "dignitaries" that might lend awe and grandiloquent power to the occasion. Even a "priest" was not wanting ready to call down a blessing upon this mass of filth, corruption, lies, deception, bribery, robbery, man's betrayal of his brother, gamblers, ex-pimps, the harlot house of Wingfield's prostitutes.

Pleading for Justice.
In the morning several petitions were read, from Hazen citizens, from the Rhyolite union from the Buckskin union protesting against the passage of the constabulary bill as class legislation, in the interest only of a few corporations and subsidized papers. The bill was characterized as the overthrow of civil authority and the establishment of a military despotism, and a conflict with the constitution of the United States. According to the organic law no state can make or enforce any law against personal privileges or personal liberty, and no state can make any law in conflict therewith.

Skaggs Obstinate.
Speaker Skaggs made a brave fight all through, surrendering the chair to take the floor against the bill. He moved to refer the bill back to the special committee for various reasons, one being that it was in conflict with the constitution of Nevada, which gives no authority to the governor to declare martial law, for which the bill provides. He said the law was utterly unable to stand the test of the courts, and was so expensive that its enforcement would bankrupt the state; that it provided a lot of fat salaries for people who wanted to live easy, and was an outrageous graft. Only eight votes were given for his motion.

Some half dozen amendments were presented. All were snuffed completely under. Hamilton made an amendment to have all special authority subordinate to the civil. Voted down. There was not an orator on the floor—no one who could say anything to defend a righteous measure.
Mr. Hamilton made as strong an effort against the bill as he was able to. Hamilton is a member of the Federation, but has always opposed its Socialist tendencies, so that the union men never felt assured of how much confidence they could place in his powers of resistance. He deserves all credit, however, for his efforts in this legislature. He was a member of

the special committee, and fought the bill continuously there. He has made enemies of all the "powers that be" so far as his future is concerned, and he is an old, gray-headed man, but he has won the respect of the working class, and those that value manhood and allegiance to justice and decency. The papers in reporting his speech spoke of it as a Socialist harangue—as close as they ever get to truth in speaking of one who opposes their unprincipled venality. Hamilton abhors Socialism.

Legalizes Kidnapping.

He spoke on that clause in the bill which allows the governor's Cossacks to arrest any persons whom they wish "with or without warrant," and makes it mandatory on any railroad employee to transport persons whenever asked to by these legalized thugs, without cost and turn in the bill to the state. Thus deportation is made a legal act by the state, and the state pays for it.

John M. O'Neill, editor of the "Miners' Magazine," brought by telegram from Denver to present the cause of the miners, was not allowed to speak. Every contemptible effort was made to shut off free discussion. Fessler made a bitter attack on the officers of Esmeraldo County, and said the people could never get protection under them. Fitzpatrick replied by saying that if the officers of that county had done their duty many in the legislature would now be in the penitentiary. Fessler is one of the lowest characters that the Nevada mining country has ever known. He was vaggued out of the country, is an ex-pimp, gambling and saloon proprietor; but he is the chairman of Nevada's committee on morals, and has been the mine owners' most faithful and willing prostitute.

Under the bill all these special officers are clothed with judicial authority, power to arrest and power to dismiss.

War Congress of Nevada.

In Skaggs' speech against the bill he denominated the present session the "war congress of Nevada." He said the present bill was the most vicious ever enacted in the United States. It took from the people the right to govern themselves by legislation and was a political trick to destroy organized labor in the state.

A creature by the name of Williams, who claimed to be a Federation man, has been the most abject traitor that the union men have had to face. The boosters of the bill have depended on him to give the chief speech in its support, as it would appear to be from a "reliable" Federation man. He was loaded with facts and figures, and showed how the increase in the value of property had been so great in the last two years that even with the extra expense of the constabulary the state treasury would have a considerable surplus. The Federation will make a big mistake if it lets that Judas retain his card.

Gun Fighters Alone Will Do.

Hamilton said in the course of his speech that when he had asked some of the mine owners why they did not depopulate the miners, they replied, "Hamilton, we couldn't break a strike with such men as you." He said the worst gun fighters in the whole country had been brought into Goldfield. After the bill had passed old bachelor Bray got off a lot of tommyrot about patriotism, law and order, and pulled out a flag and waved it. But the response was very faint-hearted to such made-to-order enthusiasm.
Fessler said that now the bill was passed about twenty of those dynamiters would be taken out of camp at once, so the deportations will probably commence at once.

Card System and Open Shop Abolished.

At the close of the session there was a lot of slush about the mine owners having conceded to the de-

mands of the union and abolished the card system and the open shop. After the constabulary bill had passed the senate and had had its preliminary hearing in the assembly the legislators from Esmeraldo county began to think of possible complications that might arise with an oppressive legalized force of gun men ruling the Goldfield district, the union defied and the scab enthroned, so they got busy and wired to the Mine Owners' Association asking them to concede the relinquishment of the card system and the establishment of the open shop as the condition of their passing the constabulary bill through the lower house. They were well fortified in making their point as they emphasized the fact that the blacklist was opposed to the statute of Nevada. These Goldfield "legislators" are little two by four merchants. Whenever the union is driven from any mining district and industrial troubles prevail, this is the class that suffers, goes bankrupt, and finally has to leave the place. These merchants don't want to see any trouble, even to increase the revenues of the mine owners. The mine owners are not heavy buyers in a camp, but the well-paid miner is. So the mine owners, after all their using of Sparks, was up against it with the little fellows they had sent to the legislature to do their bidding. The union remains intact, still able and ready to strike at any time, and the sole function of the police now will be to protect scabs and deport aggressive union men.

Stock Juggling with Agitator.

There is no question but the mine owners have used the worst tales of "agitators" that could be manufactured in order to enable them to juggle the stock market. The sale of rotten Goldfield stocks has been something scandalous. To keep the wrath of the market from descending on the robbers the blaming of the whole condition on the industrial agitator was a godsend. The daily papers in quoting the market have claimed right along that stocks rose with favorable reports from Carson and were depressed, whenever the course looked choppy for the constabulary bill. At the first reports that the union was to be left intact, the papers hastened to assert that stocks had fluctuated.

Wingfield and Nixon, chief owners of the Consolidated properties, are up against it with the Guggenheims. It is said that Senator Guggenheim loaned them a million dollars some months since, and Wingfield is now in Washington consulting Senator Nixon as to a deal with the Guggenheims.

Political Action Only Resort.

The crushing and overwhelming blow dealt the union by the physical power of the state is a tremendous commentary on the present impotency of the policy of organized labor. If there had been just ONE socialist on the floor of the assembly at Carson City he could easily have stamped the whole corrupt frame-up. These servile and craven hirelings are dumb and stupid, with no reason in them and no guide but the smell of the pig trough.

A Socialist, a well-posted, intelligent Socialist, which is the only sort that should be put up for positions of responsibility—knows exactly what he should do at every turn, is not fooled by the lying and corrupt perversions of justice, and by his forceful presentation of the side of the workers, if he does not influence legislation in their behalf, sends the protest of the proletariat ringing through the social structure.

Another case where the Nevada working class lamentably showed its weakness, the general weakness of the American working class, is that it had no organ, no power of the press whatever to counteract the lying attacks made by the debauched and hopelessly partisan press of its ene-



mies. A journal stating the union side should have been circulated every foxy misrepresentations of the capital-morning, exposing the lies and the list papers. The working class was completely at the mercy of these sheets and compelled to occupy a ridiculous position. The union treasurers should go to support a class press ahead of every other consideration. It is the super-important, necessary weapon.
Political power hauled on the capitalist and a strong class press—these are the objective points for the working class if they would overcome their enemies.
IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

ELECTIONNOTES

For Mayor J. A. McConkie.
Member Carpenters' Union.
For Comptroller A. Wagenknecht.
Member Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union.
For Treasurer John Downie.
Member Carpenters' Union.
For Corporation Counsel H. M. Wells.
Councilman-at-Large P. Piehl.
Member Riggers & Stevedores' Union.
Councilman-at-Large J. G. Juhlin.
Member Painters' Union.
Ward Councilmen.
First Ward F. X. Christman.
Member Brewers' Union.
Second Ward John Willow.
Member Carpenters' Union.
Third Ward M. McCracken.
Member Shinglers' Union.
Fourth Ward M. Leitens.
Fifth Ward (Filled by Committee)

Sixth Ward Fred Paulson.
Member Cement Workers' Union.
Seventh Ward A. M. Walquist.
Member Tailors' Union.
Eighth Ward E. M. Prestleln.
Member Carpenters' Union.
Ninth Ward Henry J. Behrens.
Tenth Ward (Filled by Committee)
Eleventh Ward Floyd Hyde.
Twelfth Ward G. C. Stevens.
Member Carpenters' Union.
Thirteenth Ward S. L. Howe.
Fourteenth Ward Dr. L. O. Fiset.
That's the answer to the fellow who said the Socialist party did not intend to nominate a ticket. There are a few places to be filled by the campaign committee, but that work will be attended to before this paper reaches its readers and the Socialist party will be on the ballot with the name of a staunch revolutionary Socialist in every space.
The ticket nominated last Monday morning at the new local headquarters, basement of Carpenters' Hall, is the most proletarian of all presented to the voters of the city. It was hard work to get proletarians who had lived in the city four years and had acquired property two or more years ago and held it till now, such are the qualifications necessary for ward councilmen in this city, but it was done in most instances and the party can be proud of its nominees.
But being proud of our nominees is not all that is required. It is up to us to give Seattle the most rousing campaign she has ever experienced. There is a fighting chance for the Socialist ticket to win—at least, some important places, and we MUST NOT miss an opportunity. Work is under

way that will help to do this, but it must receive the support of every Socialist, every Socialist sympathizer, and every man who is out of a job and wants to provide himself with one.
Sunday evening at the Egan Hall meeting, ward clubs for the purpose of pushing the Socialist campaign will be organized by the sympathizers present and methods of distributing literature providing lectures in the various wards, etc., will be discussed. Every sympathizer who wants to take part in the work should be present at this meeting.
Ten thousand more platforms carrying to the unemployed the message that they can provide themselves with jobs have been secured by the campaign committee and are being distributed. During the past two or three weeks thousands of these platforms and other kinds of literature have been distributed in the residence sections of the city.
Moore claims all the votes that had registered, but stayed away from the primaries—some twelve thousand of them. He thinks he will be elected—with those twelve thousand, and some of the Republican votes that went to Trimble in the primaries. He'll be badly fooled. There were several thousand Socialist voters registered who did not take part in the primaries—enough to cook Mr. Moore's hash very brown. Guess again, Mr. Moore. The name of the next Mayor will begin with an M, but it won't be followed by core.
Dr. Titus spoke Thursday and Fri-

day nights at University street and Second avenue to great crowds. These were the first clear nights of the week. The close attention given manifested the interest the workers are taking in the Socialist campaign and bodes well for the showing of the party in the election March 3.
Registration for the city election on March 3 will be open at the City Hall two days more, ending Tuesday night, February 11th, at midnight. Absolutely last chance.
TACOMA FREIGHT HANDLERS ORGANIZED.
The Longshoremen of Tacoma were organized last week under the banner of the Longshoremen of the Pacific Coast. The lumber handlers have been organized in that city for some time, but this is the first successful organization of the freight handlers.
Comrade P. Priehl, of the Riggers and Stevedores' Union of Seattle, and member of the Executive Board of the L. of P. C., is responsible for the new organization. He was assisted by Comrade T. F. Burns, Business Agent of the Tacoma Labor Council.
Registration for the city election on March 3 will be open at the City Hall two days more, ending Tuesday night, February 11th, at midnight. Absolutely last chance.
There was never a better time for the work of circulating Socialist papers to be pushed. Get after that fellow who wants to know more about Socialism and make him subscribe.

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Bow	2.25
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Bellingham	1.60
Everett	9.00
Ellensburg	3.00
Elma	4.60
Fall City	1.35
Granite Falls	3.15
Grandmound	3.75
Gate	4.35
Hillyard	6.00
Hamilton	1.50
Hoquiam, No. 2	2.55
Lake Shore	3.75
La Center	1.80
Liberty	12.35
Marblemount	3.00
Mossy Rock	2.25
Northport	5.50
Outlook	3.00
Olympia	1.50
Oroville	1.25
Pacific Co.	3.00
Porter	1.35
Roslyn No. 1	1.12
Roslyn No. 2	3.60
Riverside	3.00
Ronald	2.55
St. John	10.80
Seattle, No. 1	5.70
Seattle, No. 2	5.80
Skamokawa	4.00
Spokane, No. 1	13.25
Spokane, No. 2	2.31
Sunnyside	13.50
Tacoma	12.25
Useless Bay	1.50
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Total dues, \$299.13; supplies, \$730; literature, \$2.75; donations, \$60.25; balance from 1907, \$271.94; grand total, \$554.47.	

EXPENDITURES.

Mrs. John Anderson, rent	10.00
Harrison Bros., coal	3.50
Hoover & Comp. one tube ink	1.00
Pacific Stamping Co., outfit	1.35
Chas. K. Kerr & Co., literature	7.95
J. Malton Barnes, stat. dues	95.50
Supplies	.85
Richard Krueger, salary	50.00
A. F. Wagenknecht, acct.	40.00
D. Burgess, acct.	20.00
Postage	9.50
Miscellaneous	2.33
Total	241.98
Cash on hand	309.49

IN FUNDS AS FOLLOWS.

Delegate expense	179.24
Organization	82.87
Literature	36.25
General	11.03
Total	309.49

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

State Headquarters, Tacoma, January 26th, 1908.

Regular meeting of Local Quorum convened at usual hour and place with John Downie in chair. On motion all business except applications on file were dispensed with. The following comrades were admitted to membership as members-at-large: H. J. Muehr, M. J. Lambert, Ralph Lee Worman, Frank Oran Worman, H. M. Wolfe, Richard Chaffey (age 71 years), G. D. Laughton, Ross Rasmussen and J. B. Strausbaugh.

The following charters were granted: Hillyard, with 9 members; Ronald, 17 members; Roslyn, No. 2, 24 members; La Center, 12 members; and Hoquiam, No. 2, 17 members. Adjourned to February 2nd, 10. Adjourned to meet February 23rd, A. M., 1908.

Meeting convened on February 2nd with John Downie in chair. Minutes of meeting of January 26th were read and approved.

As members at large the following comrades were admitted: Chas. Palmberg, Herman Wohlgethan, Henry Gelsler, John Kelley, James Leonard Coulter, Adam Copple, Leonard Shotwell and Charles Henry Goodpasture.

A charter was granted to comrades in Oroville. Local Sunnyside was reinstated upon remittance of all the back dues, also Local St. John.

A communication from the Secretary of Bryn Mawr was read informing the State Secretary that he had been instructed by the local to withhold all dues until further orders. Inasmuch as that local by voluntary declaration has ceased to exist, the State Secretary was instructed to consider it so.

A resolution from Local Spokane was read, and on motion same was endorsed and ordered to be made a part of the minutes.

Resolutions adopted by Local Spokane at their regular business meeting, January 22nd, 1908:

Whereas, The Socialist Party of Washington is about to be rent by factional strife in a misrepresenting and untruthful method by a so-called reform party, and

Whereas, Said reform party is circulating a petition for the election of a new State Committee, whereby no members of the party except those who were members of the party previous to the convention of 1905 will have a vote, thus disfranchising the working class and leaving a few business men who are able to retain a permanent residence the right to elect officers of a working class movement contrary to the workers' wishes, and

Whereas, The leader of this so-called reform faction was nominated and elected a State Committeeman at said illegal convention in 1905 and again in 1906 and never questioned the legality of the 1905 convention until he failed to receive office in 1907, when the State Committee of business men was overthrown and a committee of workmen elected, then he cried that they were all illegally elected on account of the convention of 1905, and

Whereas, Local Spokane had refused by a majority vote three times prior to the meeting of January 16th to take a hand in this fight and had ordered the matter tabled and had refused to give so-called reformers the privilege of bringing the question before the local again on account of driving all new members out of the party by useless and untruthful discussion, and

Whereas, Said reform party did ring in to the local meeting on a bad and stormy night of January 16th, lawyers, merchants, contractors, real estate men, etc., some of whom had to pay months of back dues in order to vote, others who never attended meetings on other occasions, and

Whereas, A resolution was introduced and railroaded through, and

Whereas, Said resolution called for a referendum vote of the State of Washington to overthrow the present illegal and arbitrary State Committee, and

Whereas, No mention was made of the fact members who have joined since and during 1905 were to be disfranchised, and

Whereas, Said resolution was very untruthful in other ways and a referendum of the Local thereon was refused by the reformers; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Local Spokane repudiate these trouble-makers and that the above disgraceful and underhand actions and vote be and is hereby rescinded and that Local Spokane stay out of the factional fight and get down to work to further the cause of Socialism in our city; and be it further

Resolved, That Local Spokane make this an appeal to all the other locals in the State of Washington through our State Secretary to keep out of the fight if possible and let our business men comrades in Seattle settle their own affairs.

ERNEST STEPHENS, Corresponding Secretary.

State Organizer Wagenknecht's report for 27 days in January was read, accepted and filed. Summary of his report as follows: Reorganized one local. Organized two. Got 14 members-at-large. Increased membership of Grays Harbor locals. Total increase in membership 61. Held 7 hall meetings and five street meetings. Receipts: Literature \$9.85; supplies, \$1.85; donations and commission on subscriptions taken, \$20.10. Total, \$31.80 (dues collected are not here included). Expenses: rare, \$8.48; meals, \$1.70; beds, 75 cents; miscellaneous, \$4.05. Total, \$14.98.

On a partial report for January from Comrade Herman no action was taken, awaiting a full report. Relative to conditions in Bellingham, three lengthy and minute reports were received—one from Comrade Herman, one from Comrade W. H. Waynick, who has acted as the Secretary in Bellingham prior to January 1st, 1908.

State Secretary reported that he had informed Bellingham that these reports were on file and that they would be read to the committee. On motion of the Secretary was instructed to notify Local Bellingham that in every particular they must comply with the Constitution, that all who take part in party proceedings, that all who are on the Local's roll of membership must be considered as members of the Local and therefore the dues must be paid on all these members, and that if Local Bellingham decides to pay the dues on all their members and is willing to comply with all Constitutional demands within thirty days they must also then submit all their records for inspection.

State Executive Committee referendum on the proposition: "Shall the State Committee grant a charter to a branch of Bellingham," only J. E. Sinclair has expressed himself in the affirmative and action therefore has not been taken.

In relation to a rule by which provision is made for a sufficient number of Alternates for Delegates to the National Convention it was ordered that those nominees for delegates who may receive the highest number of votes after the required number of delegates has been established shall in rotation be declared elected Alternates to the National Convention.

1908, 10 A. M.

Fraternally submitted, RICHARD KRUEGER, Secretary-Treasurer.

Most Locals are not yet familiar with the workings of the new Primary Election Law now in force in this State. Some locals propose to enter in the municipal campaigns in this spring, and will next fall into the National Campaign. You should all watch closely the actions taken by the regular party organization in Seattle. The Seattle "Socialist" will publish all the particulars as time passes on. The first Primary Election contest was brought to a victorious conclusion for the party organization. All the

facts are fully published in last week's issue of this paper. The Party in Seattle will next week contest a provision whereby minority parties making nominations in conventions must pay fees.

ORGANIZATION WORK.

Hoquiam-Aberdeen, Jan. 18 to 27.—Held five street meetings and three hall meetings. Membership in Aberdeen was increased from 13 to 30. Women Socialists in Aberdeen taking interest. Did other necessary work.

Gate, Jan. 27.—Local doing well. Socialist members getting literary club of Gate to debate economic questions. Stopped here to get information about surrounding country.

Rochester, Jan. 28.—Got one member at large and took sub. Met Socialist from Independence Creek, eight miles from Rochester, and left organization material with him.

Grand Mound, Jan. 28.—Talked with local secretary. Arranged to enthrone local membership from state office. Members live far apart and it is hard for them to meet.

Minna, Jan. 29.—Got two members at large and sold literature.

Summary: In the field Jan. 6 to Feb. 1, 1908. Organized two locals and reorganized one. Got fourteen members at large. Helped increase membership in Grays Harbor locals. Total increase in membership sixty-one. Held seven hall meetings and five street meetings.

Receipts: Dues, \$6.50; literature, \$9.85; supplies, \$1.85; donations, \$20.10. Total, \$38.30.

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More Police Despotism

Not content with showing his teeth to the Socialists, Chief Wappy is inaugurating a new policy, that of delegating to his officers the right of entering without warrant any place where workmen are quartered and grilling them as to their business, etc.

On January 30, Wm. Day, a member of the I. W. W., was seated in the reading room of his residence, the Oregon House, when a police officer entered, and, accosting him, asked: "Do you belong here?" To which Day, with a woeful lack of respect for His Majesty, replied, "None of your business."

We draw the curtain of charity over what happened to Day at the hands of Brass Buttons. He was jailed at Wappenstein's Sanitarium, without a hearing, and kept on a bread and water diet for five days. While imprisoned he complained to Officer 141 of the ravings of a victim of delirium tremens in an adjoining cell, to which Law's limb humanely answered, "Let the ——— croak."

After five days incarceration Day finally succeeded in securing counsel and a hearing. Judge Gordon upon hearing the testimony of both sides ruled that the prisoner was perfectly justified in retorting to the officer as he did; that the police have no right to invade the lodgings of anyone and cross-examine them as to their business, etc.

Day happens to be a workman. We wonder if the same officious policeman have entered the Butler Hotel or any other exclusive hostelry and arraigned the lodgers thereof. It's not on record that this has been done. Why this excess of authority as regards workmen? Is Wappenstein so solicitous of their welfare that he delegates to subordinates permission to investigate the miserable abode of the laborer and if possible modify it? Or is it just his usual procedure of sticking his nose into other people's affairs?

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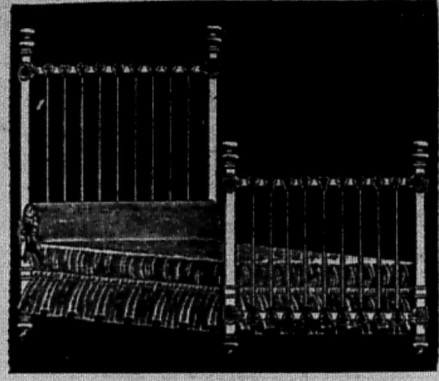
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By W. H. Brown.

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We will now as wage slaves have a fine opportunity to resort to the nearby lakes or summer resorts of the wealthy, and live in the imaginary fine cottages that we sometimes dare dream about. We will also regale our appetites there on sumptuous feasts of snowballs, huge cakes of ice and nice, juicy steaks out from snow banks.

Yes, we have now plenty of leisure to build up our health and enjoy the aristocratic balls, dinners, pink teas, etc., that the wage slaves will indulge in at fashionable Lake Minnetonka. We will come back next spring for the summer and fall working in the profit-grinding body-numbing and soul-destroying labor in the sweat shops, jail-like factories and stores with unusual vim, vigor, snap and intense earnestness; we will work cheaper so that our employers can take their season at the lakes with their families and friends, for they might get stricken with the sun's rays in Minneapolis or contract some other fatal disease incident to their warm torrid heat of the summer months.

We have got to be very careful about our millionaires' employers' health, or there would be no work for us in Minneapolis and St. Paul and the rest of the country would become a vast desolate, dreary, barren waste and the laboring people would all famish and die because there were no more rich, prosperous idlers to live off their poorly paid and unrequited toil. It is dreadful to contemplate that a gigantic calamity it would be should this dreadful thing happen.

Well, we no doubt will have more of this great prosperity after New Year's; if not, it will come with compound principal and interest later on. Let the wage slave think and talk, vote and work, as the master class dictates and we will experience and enjoy more than ever a prosperity like the present one—a big bunch of lemons handed to us with the brains, wisdom and benevolence of our statesmen and money barons.

Don't study Socialism. Don't go near a Socialist meeting or read a Socialist book or subscribe for a Socialist newspaper, for if you get imbued with their ideas you will lose your present prosperity and lemons to boot and you will go right down into Sheol or to hell, to use a Biblical term, and be more sacred refined and polished. Well, as a parting word, slaves, get a move on you. Wake up and think a little over an empty stomach.

I see the gravity, the vital necessity of the membership throughout the country having a perfect understanding of the issue—by printing both sides of any difficulty. If that is not done and such papers as "The Socialist" are not circulated, helped by subscriptions and otherwise financially (and we in lieu of it let the party be run and guided wholly by the "Appeal," good as some of its features may be), and such traitorous men as Mills, Thompson, Berger, Naab, Rev. Porter and others are not ferreted and drummed out of the party which can only be successfully done by our press and the wide-spread publicity they give them. We shall then have reached the Dead Sea of fear, "harmony," and moribundism that means our complete death, extinction and absorption by the old capitalist parties.

Lots of work has got to be done by the Socialists. Indifference, prejudice and ignorance is general in the work shops of this city. Baseball, football, parties and more foolish and vicious things are the topic of the talk of the young men and others. They are intelligent enough to accept Socialism. But if you are a wage slave employ with them you cannot talk it. If you do in the most instances you will soon be "traveling for your health."

Meanwhile we who cannot speak our thoughts in shops where we work can do outside work and contribute to help education. I know of nothing so good in the English language as in this little pamphlet of Dr. Titus' entitled "Revolutionary or Reform Socialism," five cents a copy. I advise all subscribers to the "Appeal" to get a copy and read it.

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All other papers, no matter how bright, catchy and brilliant their articles and contents may be—whose methods all turn to lottery schemes, cheap, worthless advertising, such as many of the capitalist papers will not take, who take the side of such men as Mills and others who have been false to Socialism—such so-called Socialist papers are the dearest, no matter how little they may seem at cost. Truth mixed with error is the most dangerous because it is the most alluring and deceiving. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

I don't hang up any "God bless our home" mottoes on the walls of my rented room, because I have no home, just like the majority of people in this country where mercy, justice, brotherly love, etc., are prated so much about and the working people are robbed, starved and overworked. Bar-num said the people liked to be humbugged. But there are lots coming our way by the thousand who will not be humbugged any longer.

Long live "The Socialist." May you all get at least three good meals a day while managing it.

An article appeared in one of the great city daily papers a few days since about a Russian late emigrant who was so massive in size and strength that in a railroad camp where he was employed with others he performed with ease the labor of two ordinary men, and thereby got to be hated so intensely by his fellow wage slaves that he quit the camp in despair and hid himself to the metropolis of Minnesota (Minneapolis) and was sitting on a curb begging his sad plight. A local firm having heard of the affair gave him employment. But did not say they paid him double wages, nor did it say that two average able-bodied wage earners with perhaps families to support were discharged to give this giant slave more profit for his master employer.

The daily papers here are teeming with pitiful stories of this poor family and that with scanty things, not so good as are the stables of the rich.

They tell of these families being without clothes, coal and other necessities that the rich parasitic exploiting class would not deny or withhold from their dogs or dumb animals.

The Salvation or Starvation army with its jealous Slavish twin, the Volunteers of America, are begging money on every principal corner in the "business district" to aid these miserable stricken victims of the lemon or prosperity plague. All they can do by standing on the corners begging is to dip down into the depths of poverty caused by inverted abnormal topsy turvey, tempest-tossed prosperity and take from poor people to give to poor people. "Rob Peter to pay Paul."

When people get the full product of their labor in the field and in the shop this most misleading, cruel, foolish, grasping plan of charity, a fetish to the business district, will disappear forever. Hail the glad day!

Only when wage workers and all honest minded people vote for Socialism or at least an organization that upholds its principles will misery and poverty and foolish charity, on the other hand, cease.

I was in the office of "Forskaren," the Swedish Liberal or Free Thought magazine. Mr. Granlund, one of the editors and proprietors, said the Seattle "Socialist" was the best Socialist paper in the country.

Minneapolis, Minn.

National Notes

By recent referendum in Arizona, P. W. Gallentine, of Globe, was elected a member of the National Committee, and J. G. Kroon, of Globe, was re-elected State Secretary.

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GENERAL AWAKENING.

Judging by the number of inquiries received from new points at the National Office of the Socialist Party for information as to how to organize Socialist locals, and the renewed interest reported from every quarter in the pending Presidential Campaign the Plutes will have to give a consideration to the political movement of the working class, and all speakers in the field reports from each point visited "the largest Socialist meeting ever held, and financial returns surprising." The following letter from Comrade Willert, State Secretary of Ohio, is typical of a number:

"Charters were granted January 28th, 1908. Canton, Ohio, 10 members; East Liverpool, 8 members; Coshocton, 17 members; Collinwood, 8 members; York, 33 members. One member at large was admitted. Reports come from five other towns that a local is going to be organized. Everything booming in Socialist agitation, about ten times the amount of work this month than there was a year ago. Locals are now nominating members for the National Committee, and electing State Committeemen. If organization continues the rest of the year as it began, Ohio will be the best organized State in the Union."

Hurrah for Our German Comrades

By H. M. Hyndman.

What is going on in Berlin is of the utmost importance to the Socialist Party, all over the world. Of late years there have been many criticisms of the policy of the German Social-Democratic leaders from the point of view that they had displayed an excess of caution in political affairs; that peoples could not expect to obtain their freedom without running some risk; and that such quietude as was shown in Saxony when rights were actually withdrawn only served to encourage the dominant class. But now it seems different tactics are likely to be pursued. Universal suffrage has been demanded, as the basis to the Prussian Landtag, at present a mere focus of reaction and legislative bed-of-justice. This claim has been scouted by the Kaiser, Prince Buelow, and the Prussian Government, with their customary arrogance and brutality. Thereupon, the workers of Berlin made a serious demonstration against their rulers in the streets, and were promptly ridden down and sabred by the police. Of course, as they were only Social-Democrats who were thus treated when asking for all political rights, our capitalist Liberal Press deals with the whole thing as of no importance, and Messrs. Cadbury and Gardner, of the "Daily News," actually have the disgraceful indecency to write:—"These processions are regarded rather from the standpoint of having a bit of fun than as serious political events." "Fun," obviously, of the Asquith and Birrell order, on a larger scale. What can be more amusing to Liberals than that Social-Democrats should be cut down in Germany when asking for parliamentary reform? It is only what Liberals have done themselves here, and will do again when they get the chance.

But Prussia is by far the largest State in Germany, and Berlin, the metropolis, is by far the largest city. For that city, the Social-Democrats hold every seat but one in the Imperial Reichstag, and even that one is represented by an advanced Radical. Yet, owing to the shamefully restricted suffrage in Prussia itself, these same voters, and the other Social-Democratic voters throughout Prussia, have practically no political influence. No wonder that the people should call for the assimilation of the suffrage in Imperial and State affairs. Equally no wonder that the Government which, for all its great "victory" at the polls last year, does not at all like the idea of further extension of the principle of Universal Suffrage, should refuse reform altogether, and should denounce demonstrations as treason. Hence this ruffianly police action by our late guest the Kaiser, and his precious homosexual friends of the governing Camarilla, whom, happily, he had the decency not to bring with him to England.

Our comrades in Berlin, however, do not take the humorous view of butchery of unarmed citizens in cold blood which so naturally commends itself to Liberals. They regard what happened as an outrage and they are making ready to show their power—in quite a peaceful way.

Now we have always been against a general strike, save as the immediate forerunner of an organized attempt at Social Revolution. But there are exceptions to all rules. The struggle between the railway men and the monopolist companies here was one—and such a strike may yet be unavoidable: the struggle for the suffrage in Prussia is another. The Social-Democratic Party in Germany is, therefore, quite justified, if it thinks proper, in meeting Prince Buelow's Muscovite methods with a complete hold-up of the city of Berlin by a mass strike extending over several days. The workers have only to lay in enough food and stop at home, and the job is done. It is not for us to say how our comrades should act,

nor to tell the world what their tactics may be, even if we knew them. But we have the right, as it is our duty, to wish them the completest possible success against the jackboot autocracy which is crushing the great German people. Our ancestors won our freedom for us by the same pluck and vigor our German comrades are showing today. And if we Englishmen of the twentieth century have fallen far behind the splendid energy of the old Chartists and Radicals, though the position of the English people is economically as bad as ever it was, that is all the more reason why those of us Londoners who do still strive to keep alive the great traditions of the past should sympathize heartily with the Germans of Berlin who are fighting the fight for liberty under most difficult and dangerous conditions—"Justice," London, England.

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THE RELATION OF SOCIALISM AND UNIONISM

By Tom Sladden

Just at the present time there is considerable discussion going the rounds between many union men and many Socialists as to the relative merit of their respective organizations, one as a political, the other as an industrial or an economic organization of the working class. The supporters of either usually stand ready to maintain that while the other is useful, that form of organization which he or she upholds is the principal, the other simply a weaker brother.

The union man of this particular brand will argue that even if the working class were to win at the ballot box their ballots would not be counted and even if they were counted, the capitalists would not allow themselves to be supplanted, but would resist the verdict of the ballots with an armed force of their own, which armed force would consist of the army, the navy, the militia, the police and the various other armed forces of capitalist society. On the other hand the Socialist of the same brand will maintain with like show of reason or lack of it, that if the working class were organized into a compact class organization, and attempted to take possession of that which rightfully belongs to them, the tools and means of production and distribution of wealth, they would speedily be confronted by that same armed force. And in this circle the pure and simple Socialists and his pure and simple union brother continue to revolve. How out of this terrible dilemma are we ever to extricate ourselves or are we hopelessly bound to wage slavery like Prometheus to the rock?

If either of these statements were true, then the triumph of the working class could never come except by deeds of war and violence. To a certain extent either of the statements may be regarded as true, in the final analysis neither one is. Truth is a relative matter.

A union is simply a coalition of persons or things into an organic whole for a specific purpose.

When the individual wage worker was no longer able to continue a successful struggle for an existence against the increasing powers of the growing capitalist class, he was necessarily obliged to join his forces with other wage workers in order that their combined forces could successfully cope with those of the capitalist. The capitalist class as the dominant class in society were the makers of law. They were the government. But at the beginning of unionism by capitalist and working class alike, the functions of government were few and simple. The unions of wage workers at this time did not recognize a class struggle; could not. Each different trade union stood alone, and at this time did not even combine with other unions engaged in like trade in other places. But as the industry of the nation became more and more a matter of machine work, as labor saving machines began to take the place of skilled mechanics, and the division of labor created ever more and more trades, as the means of communication and travel became simplified and cheapened, it gave the capitalist the opportunity to resist the demands of the wage worker, by bringing in to take his job, wage workers from another section of the country.

The same law of self preservation again stepped in and the trades unionist of one city federated himself with the trade unionist in the same trade in all other cities. This again brought on the stronger confederation of the capitalist. He organized to be able to successfully cope with and defeat even this federation of the working class. Up to this time it was only necessary for the wage workers to consolidate as craft unions, as in a war with the capitalist against the trade unionist, the unionist must only fear the bringing in of a working man who could take his job, who could do his work.

But the capitalist continues on his way. He no longer in many cases attempts to fill the position of the worker. His money is invested in many industries and instead of bringing in workers, he prefers as one capitalist in Portland, Oregon, so aptly put it, to "let nature take its course," in other words he waits until hunger sends the wage worker back. The capitalist is insured against loss by other capitalists and so has nothing to fear. This is practically the situation as it is today.

Now we must go back a little ways. The capitalist was in possession of the government. In the struggle against the working class at first he was unable to do much with the government, as the capitalist class, like the working class, was divided. So the capitalist was unable to get the government at all times to do as he, the individual capitalist, wished. But as the organization of the capitalists became perfected they were enabled more and more to use their government as a repressive agent against their common enemy, the organized workers. Injunctions, military bull pens, and other measures of like character by the capitalist class government awakened the working class to the fact that they must fight the capitalist class government organization as well as the capitalist class economic organization. They must weaken this government as an instrument of oppression.

Out of this need of the working class springs "The Socialist Party." Different theories of tactics keep this party divided as different theories of tactics keep the economic organizations of the working class divided. But what all the theories in the world can not do for the working class, the capitalist class themselves do for them. The capitalist centralizes the power of his organizations, and compels the working class to solidify the forces of labor. He organizes constabularies and private armies under the guise of detective agencies. He uses all the powers of government against the working class and forces that class to meet the attack. The tactics adopted by the different working class unions come ever closer and closer. The tactics adopted by the different Socialist organizations come ever closer and closer. The apparent difference between unionism and Socialism gradually disappears. The understanding of the situation by the working class becomes clearer and clearer. The real union man is a Socialist, the real Socialist a union man. Their union is a union of a united working class. The seeming dual nature of the two organizations fades away. There is no weaker brother. They are one and the same thing. The enemy of one is the enemy of the other. Capitalist sympathy with Socialism disappears as the capitalist realizes the real nature of the movement. Good trades unions and bad trade unions are no longer recognized by the capitalist. To him they have all become bad. To the working class, united, on the political field, on the economic field, on the battle field, on any field he, the capitalist may choose, he must step down and out, as the dominant class in society. He must give way to the united working class, the class that will take and hold by some means or another, all the tools and means of production and distribution of wealth, which they alone have created.

The working class is an organic body of many parts which must be considered as one. To solidify that class on the economic field is the mission of the union Socialist, to unify that class on the political field is the mission of the Socialist unionist. We are one and our enemy is the class that pay us wages. They are one and they are the class that keep our product. The lines are clearly drawn and the enemy is in plain view.

Industrial concentration is the sun which dispels the fog which so long has kept the class lines in society enshrouded in mystery. And with the disappearance of that fog will come the first and last triumph of the working class. That class will take possession of its own and destroy forever its identity as a class. What other classes may spring up in the future I do not know, but the class of parasites that fatten off of the labor of others, will be a class that will have followed all other parasitic classes that have flourished in the past. They will have disappeared forever.

P. S.—Since writing the above the capitalists have taken the very step which must force the unification of the working class. President Roosevelt in his message states that he will enforce the law against capitalist unions and labor unions alike. Shortly after the message is out the Supreme Court of the United States, by a vote of 5 to 1, decide that the boycott is illegal and in restraint of trade and that damages can be collected from trades unions aggregating three times the real damage they have caused to the manufacturer. Within 24 hours after that decision was rendered Roosevelt was presented with a petition asking him to see that this law was carried into effect immediately.

Every labor union treasury in the United States can be looted under this law inside of 24 hours. The day of conservative unionism is passed, the radicals step to the front. The capitalist has one recourse left when he cannot beat the union by taking the contents of his treasury. That is imprisonment or legal murder. When that commences it will be the beginning of the end. Sympathetic strikes and industrial strikes which will cause great damage will be the next step of the working class together with political action.—T. S.

WHO ARE THE REAL WHELP?

By Edwin J. Brown.

The Seattle "Sunday Times," Feb. 2nd, in its leading editorial, had a well-developed case of Male Hysteria, and its recovery is questionable.

After publishing a picture of the unemployed at our City Hall last week, which shows two thousand idle men, the "Times" now declares in its leading editorial that there are no honest unemployed in Seattle, because when Chief Wapenstein was offering to send men to a camp where they could get food and a place to sleep for road building, and some kind-hearted rancher came to Seattle and offered to give board, bed and twenty-five cents per day for men to clear land on his ranch, real men refused to be slaves and beasts of burden.

The "Times" declares them to be "whelps who never did a day's honest work," and on the same page in the next largest editorial, this wonderful editorial acrobat, dingbat or blind-bat, tells us that "according to the reports of the mercantile agencies made last Saturday, quite one-half of the manufacturing establishments of the United States are closed—and that means that one-half of their former employees are idle." The inconsistent editor also says: "In Washington we know that three-fourths of the lumber camps and mills are either closed, or their products are reduced to that amount, hence the army of idle men that is to be found throughout the Pacific Northwest."

A Republican friend of mine remarked, "That the editor probably thought that the mills closed for fear the dishonorable employees would steal the logs." But really it wouldn't matter because the railroads will steal them when they collect the freight, and this is good sound Democratic, Republican, Independent, Reform Politics and ought not to be disturbed by Socialism.

Isn't it funny to hear those little, peanut capitalists squeal when they have to divide up and give more of their profit exploited from labor to the big capitalist? Its those little popcorn fellows who holler so loud about the Socialists wanting to divide. Oh, well, let the big hyenas skin 'em, by and by the "Times" will call them whelps because the anarchist railroad owners close down the industries again and they can't get a job; then Socialism will have no trouble dividing up with the whelps.

Oh, my! Oh, my! Who are the real whelps?

"MOST DESPICABLY CRUEL"

Whereas, innocent men and women and those guilty of only trivial offenses are daily thrown into the most unsanitary dungeons in the world, namely, the Seattle City Jail, are compelled to endure in silence most inhuman treatment, are frequently denied bail or the advice of counsel, and are frequently denied trial after many days of unspeakable torture; and

Whereas, Scores of these men, half-clad and suffering from emacia, tuberculosis and other diseases, whose only crime is the crime of being hungry and cold and homeless, are driven in chains through the streets of Seattle under a brutal guard and are compelled to perform the heaviest kind of labor while weak from suffering and long exposure; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Local Fall City Socialist Party of Washington, condemn Mayor William Hickman Moore, Chief of Police Wapenstein and Chain-Gang-Guard Roberts for their fiendish treatment of these unfortunate people; and we call upon the Humane Society and all those who have within their veins the red blood of our common humanity to take steps to end this torture, which, if inflicted upon dumb beasts, would seem too terrible to be true.

We wish to emphasize the fact, recognized by every sincere student of criminology, that crime almost invariably comes as a result of unfavorable economic conditions for which the ruling class is responsible, and that to punish in this savage manner even those guilty of crime of the gravest nature is senseless and most despicably cruel.

HENRY RANKIN,
Chairman.
J. E. SINCLAIR,
Secretary.

Dated at Fall City, Wash., Feb. 2, 1908.

The above resolution was passed unanimously at a meeting held in Fall City Sunday, February 2nd, and copies were ordered sent to the press and to the Humane Society in Seattle.

J. E. SINCLAIR,
Secretary.

MARK MEMORIAL DAY.

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 21st, 07.

Dear Comrade: In order that the American Socialist movement may fittingly commemorate the life, labor and death of Karl Marx, I move that March 14th, 1908, be designated as a memorial day to our departed comrade; and that all locals of the Socialist party be urged to hold memorial meetings upon that date, commemorating the growth of Marxian Socialism and the development of the Socialist movement, since the death of the greatest economist known to the modern world.

Comment: This being the date of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of Karl Marx, it is fitting that memorial should be arranged close to the date here mentioned; but purposes may be joined. By means of such meetings the attention of both press and working class may be fixed upon the principles of Marxian Socialism, the hope of the working class.

Yours for ours,
W. M'DEVIETT,
Natl. Committeeman for Calif.

THE DREGS

By Abe Herschlin.

Come to the sium. Not a nice place. Not a clean place. Not one of culture. But it's life. Life in the raw. Life unpretentious. Without affectations, without hypocrisy. We've tested the other. It doesn't ring true. Fraud, chicanery, sharp practice, wage slavery. Destruction of better self. Stiffing of hope. I'm sick—sick of the pomp, pageantry, glitter, fake and fleecings. The greasy greeting. The hand-washing in invisible water. The fawning flunkeyism. This marks success. I'm glad I'm a failure. So come.

A half dozen blocks to the dead line. Where prudes, in horror, gather their skirts to avoid contamination. Same skirts paid for with profits wrung from Labor. Superior people pass on. After them—the deluge?

In the heart of it. Saloons' warm glow temptingly invites. To a swilled stomach and reeling head. The holden's crib invites us. She blocks our way, solicits our embraces—for a consideration. This is "business." As much as selling tea. Business. The twentieth century must dawn on barter of flesh, food and shelter. But a reckoning day hastens. So we pass on.

The dance hall next. Pitiful attempts at music by five pieces of brass. Laws of harmony set at naught. Forlorn females beset you. Want to dance. You try, you buy—booze. More business. It's in the air! Triple price for belly wash, bum booze. Your eyes are bear, your tongue thick, your head aches. You stagger. To bed?

Now the ten-cent beds. The rookery lodgings. A big room, a lot of beds. Cheap things. So are we. The air is heavy. Horrible smell, worse noise. The fellow in the corner, erect in bed, coughing. Almost in. Not long to the end. Then the morgue—potter's field. No epitaph. A played-out slave. Get into bed. It sags. You bump the floor. The big bugs stop here. See them creep! Sleep? Not yet. Hear that scream. Poor fellow, crazed, seeing snakes. Hear him rave! Only we take heed. Commonplace to most. Two beds away. See that boy. The fair-haired lad. Belching. Drunk? No, poisoned. Arsenic in beer to excite thirst. Some more business. Dope and chemicals in rougher stuff. His own fault, shouldn't drink? Well, that's the day's standard of relaxation. Capital rules. Room at the top. It's a lie. Few places, many strive. One succeeds. For the rest—the slums—

This is Life. Life festering. Blood red. Now suffering. Some day judgment. Not the first time. History is black—black with reprobals. Comes the saving grace—Socialism. No need for Gabriel—his triple-tongue solo. Workmen combine. Look up, no longer down. The day breaks for a better day. No more slums if YOU say so. You to make and break. Wake up. Organize. Your sister's shame will pass away. Break your bands of straw. That arm in action. No more slums, no more dregs, no more cribs—if you say so.

Charters have been granted by the National Office to locals: Dexter, six members, and Solano, ten members, both in New Mexico.

The comparative statement of dues received at the National Office during the month of January for the last three years are as follows: 1906, \$1,153.60; 1907, \$1,591.95; 1908, \$1,885. The month just closed shows not only a large increase over corresponding months, but exceeds all previous records topping the high record of October, 1907, by \$168.

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State Secretary Bell of Texas writes as follows: "We hope to get a chance in a few days to send you a list of locals to date, and when we do so, it will warm the cockles of your heart. Have sent out sixteen charters already this month, adding about 280 members to the roll. The thing is turned loose here and with an assistant we are only able to attend to about half the correspondence that comes in daily. We are snowed under—that's all."

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