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VICTORY FOR FREE SPEECH

Los Angeles Socialists Triumphant -- All Prisoners Released Under Pressure of Public Sentiment -- Dayton, O., Wins

The situation at Los Angeles was relieved very suddenly. On Monday, July 20, a great crowd went to the City Hall and besieged the City Council. The "Examiner" says it was "unlike anything ever before seen in Los Angeles."

Before the storm of public protest, the Council gave way and surrendered on the spot. They introduced and passed an ordinance repeal the law which gave authority to the Police to grant permits to speak on the streets. This was the obnoxious law under which twenty to forty Socialists had been arrested, convicted, jailed and some of them put to work on the Chain Gang.

Not only was the Permit Ordinance repealed. Another resolution was "carried unanimously amid cheers," requesting the City Prosecutor to release at once those persons who were in the City Jail for violating the repealed ordinance. It was a complete victory.

The rabid and idiotic "Times," that paper which has been fighting Unionism so savagely for years, calls the whole affair a "Surrender to the Red Mob," a "Bedlamite Demonstration." It says, "The noisy mob overflowed into the corridors and steps of the City Hall and cheered for the Councilmen, the Socialist Party and for Free Speech."

Five women and some thirty men were released under this action of the City Council and now the streets of Los Angeles are as free as those of Seattle.

The case of the Socialists in Los Angeles and elsewhere was well put by W. V. Holloway representing the Socialist Party before the City Council of Los Angeles. Holloway's wife was in jail. He said: "This is no joke. We are in earnest. My wife is in jail and do you think I would allow her to remain there as a joke?"

He continued: "The Socialists regard as one of the first principles of the Republic the right of free speech, which is guaranteed by the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of California. Here is the situation: This ordinance prohibits speaking on the streets without a permit from the police commissioners, and thus puts it in the power of this board to exercise discrimination."

"The Salvation Army goes to the corner of Fourth street and Broadway, where the Socialists would not think of going, even if there was no ordinance, and there hold their meetings under a permit from the police commissioners. The Socialists have gone to the commissioners and asked for a permit and have been refused. We ask you to repeal this ordinance, which gives this commission the right to exercise discrimination and deny to citizens their constitutional rights, and to enact such an ordinance as you have a perfect right to do, to prevent the obstruction of streets. The Socialists are perfectly willing to act in such a manner as not to interfere with traffic, to go to streets where there are no car tracks, as Main and Winston streets, for instance, but the police commissioners have refused to give us a permit to speak anywhere."

In Dayton Too

The same principle concerning the granting of Permits has just been decided by Judge Long of that city in an opinion and decision as follows: "The defendant contends that that part of the ordinance which requires the defendant to first obtain a permit from the Chief of Police before he can use the streets for holding a public meeting of citizens, or for any religious purpose, or for the holding of any public parade of citizens, is in contravention of the Constitution and laws of Ohio; and that it is unreasonable, unconstitutional and void."

"The ordinance in question seeks to reduce the right of the citizens to use the streets for any lawful public purpose to a privilege. It further seeks to confer upon the Chief of Police the following unrestricted, arbitrary, discretionary powers: First: To grant or refuse to grant the citizens permission to use the public streets for a lawful public purpose. Second: If he grants a permit, he specifies the location where such use may be exercised. Third: He determines the hours, and date or dates when the permit may be used. Fourth: He may in his discretion, revoke the permit granted."

In other words, the ordinance seeks to make the Chief of Police the sole guardian of the rights of the people to the use of the public streets for all public purposes, except the right of public travel.

It is the decision of the Court that that part of the ordinance in question which requires the people to obtain a permit from the Chief of Police before they can use the streets, avenues, alleys and lanes, to hold any public meeting, religious meeting or public parade, is repugnant to Sections 3 and 11 of Article 1 of the Constitution of Ohio, is in conflict with Section 6896 of the revised statutes of Ohio, is inconsistent with Ordinance No. 2704 of the ordinances of the City of Dayton, is unreasonable, unconstitutional and void."

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"Union Record" vs. Unionism

The "Union Record" is Seattle's representative of organized labor.

Yet not a syllable last week in the "Union Record" about the Longshoremen's strike, involving some 600 men!

The capitalist dailies were giving the capitalist side of the strike, constantly misrepresenting it as an attempt of the Union to force the closed shop on Tacoma shippers, when, in fact, the only way Tacoma was involved was through a Seattle Stevedore Company which has a Tacoma office.

The real merits of the situation were set forth last week in "The Socialist" alone. Unionism might as well have had no organ at all as the "Union Record," which utterly ignored this big strike.

Will organized labor in Seattle stand for such treachery to its cause? The "Union Record" is edited by a renegade Socialist, a man expelled from the Socialist Party years ago for advising Union men to support a Republican candidate for Mayor. That is, he was a political scab, he turned down the Party of the Working Class. That is what he is now doing as editor. He is helping the strikebreakers and scabs to beat out one of the strongest Labor Unions on the Pacific Coast. But he won't succeed. The Stevedores and Riggers' Union of Seattle has the support of the rank and file of Union men, and will surely win their fight, in spite of the editor of the "Union Record."

The attitude of "The Socialist" is well known. It fights for Unionism everywhere—in Treadwell, in Boise, in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma—everywhere. Our Motto: Wage-workers, organize, unite, stand by one another, in Unions and in politics. "United we stand, divided we fall."

Debs on Bryan

"The Democratic party gave you a meaningless, worthless anti-injunction plank in its platform, an empty promise, like most of the promises that party ever made. What good is that promise to the five million men and women out of work? For a hundred years the Democratic party has been in absolute control of the southern states. There is no more curse-laden country for the working class than the southern states, governed by the Democratic party. Labor legislation in those states is more neglected than anywhere in the country. Child slavery and cheap woman labor has been the curse of the Democratic South for decades. And today Mr. Bryan and his Tammany friend Murphy call upon you to support the Democratic 'labor' party."

Never Mentions It. "There are over five million people out of work today. This makes the unemployed problem the leading question of the campaign, but you know that neither the Republican nor the Democratic national convention dared to even mention this most vital of all the problems of today."—E. V. Debs in St. Louis speech, July 11, as reported in "Labor."

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A regular plan for street speaking is being prepared with the object of having street meetings every night.

INJUNCTION HANFORD INTERFERES

That pliant tool and distinguished dunkey of capitalism, C. H. Hanford, judge of the Federal Court, came to the aid of the Seattle owners of Puget Sound shipping last Saturday, when he issued a most sweeping injunction, by which the longshoremen were denied the ordinary uses of Railroad Avenue, denied the right to tell the truth to the non-union men who are employed under false pretenses, and denied the right to do anything which may interfere with the sacred business of their employers.

Dan Forbes was the first longshoreman to be gathered into the net of the U. S. Marshals. He had torn down a copy of an injunction notice which had been posted on the wall of a dock building by a deputy marshal.

Attorneys for the companies tried to prove that this posted notice was service of the injunction to Dan Forbes, a conclusion that Judge Hanford hesitated to make on account of an awakened working class that threatens to vote the Socialist ticket this fall, and he twisted his beard into bunches while he hesitated.

He finally decided that the posting of the notice was not service, and that Forbes could not be held for having violated the injunction. Struck with a happy thought, however, he bound him over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 for interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty.

The court refused the request of Attorney Cole to reduce the bond to \$250. Raising his voice almost to a shrill treble, he said:

"The court has been informed that while deputy United States marshals were attempting to serve notice on longshoremen at their hall the officers were expelled with great force, and much obscene language was used. Threats to do bodily harm were made. I consider this a very grave matter and if these things are encouraged serious trouble may result."

This was pure hot air percolating through the judicial bonnet. Nothing of the kind ever happened.

One marshal came to the longshoremen's hall on Saturday and was treated with the greatest courtesy. He asked Dan Barrett for a description of President O'Neill, Barrett complied, giving a description which was as complete and accurate as possible. The officer then left the hall.

On Monday morning four deputy marshals visited the hall and remained for some time. When the noon hour arrived, they were informed that the union intended to hold a meeting, as has been customary since the strike, and asked them to retire. This the officers did, and thus the incident closed without obscene language, without disorder and without threats of any kind. Most of the members in the hall knew nothing of the matter until after the meeting had been called to order. Meanwhile, from the standpoint of the longshoremen, the strike is progressing splendidly.

The owners, who so basely repudiated the contracts made with the union, have been wholly unable to secure competent help, and are quarreling among themselves as to the division of the strike breakers. It is believed that the number of these has decreased since last week. A number are known to have quit work. Schubach and Hamilton, who own several ships in the Alaska trade, have withdrawn from the owners association and are employing union longshoremen.

The loading and unloading of ships by scab workmen has proven very expensive to the owners in the lock-out. The Northwestern, owned by the Alaska Steamship Company, began coaling Sunday afternoon and did not leave the bunkers until Wednesday. This vessel is coaled by union longshoremen in 26 hours. The strike breakers began coaling the Yucatan about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, and remained at work until five o'clock Wednesday morning. Union men perform this task in 17 hours.

Aboard the boarding ship maintained by the companies for the strike-breakers, the conditions are said to be fearful. The strike-breakers indulged in a strike on their own account on Sunday and the outlook for the employing stevedore companies is not bright.

It's lots of fun to publish a Socialist paper, but it's lots more fun when the sub. blanks that are sent out one week all come back laden with subscribers the next. We haven't had any of that kind of fun yet, but we live in hopes.

Sunday evening, August 2, Mark Leites will speak at the regular propaganda meeting on "The Possibilities of Life." Sidney Doyle will play a violin solo. Don't fail to attend.



TWELVE-INCH SHELLS

Nothing will wake up your town to the growing importance of Socialism so well as for every family to find a copy of "The Socialist" on its doorstep some fine Sunday morning.

John Jones will say to Jim Smith, as they go to work Monday: "Those Socialists are getting pretty thick, I guess. I found one of their papers under the door yesterday, and about everybody else in the neighborhood got one of the blamed things, too. It was too hot to go out of doors, and I was lying around the house without anything to do, and picked it up and began to read it. Did you see that cartoon? That fellow was some artist, wasn't he?" (And more to the same effect.) Two men have become interested in a subject which before caused them not a thought.

If you distributed a thousand papers that same thing happened at least a hundred times.

If you distribute them again the next week the John Joneses and the Jim Smiths will begin to think the Socialist party amounts to something, and they will find something in the paper over which they can disagree and argue for a week.

If you do the job the third week, you can go over the ground, when you are sure of finding John Jones and Jim Smith at home, and you can get their subs for the campaign, at least, and perhaps for a year.

But it isn't necessary to tell you the advantages of free distribution of papers. You know as well as I. The thing that interests you is how to get the papers to distribute.

Here's the "how." "The Socialist" now has its own press and can print papers for bundle orders a lot cheaper than when we were compelled to pay a capitalist for the use of his press.

From now on till the end of the campaign we will make a special bundle rate of \$6.00 per thousand in any quantity more than five hundred. This is practically as low as any paper in the country, and is the best that can be secured for the price.

Local Seattle has led off with a regular order for one thousand per week till the close of the campaign. Who will be next? Orders must be in by Tuesday in order to get papers for that week at the reduced price. Orders received later than Tuesday will be held over till the next week, or, if the current week is specified, will be filled at the regular price of \$10.00 per thousand. All orders of less than five hundred will be filled at the regular bundle rates published at the head of the editorial column.

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Dance at Marxian Hall Saturday, August 1. The floor is now finished and as a dancing floor is second to none in Seattle. Refreshments will be served. Admission 25 cents.

A LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR \$1.00

The eight lectures by Hermon F. Titus beginning next Monday evening, August 3, under the auspices of Local Seattle, will constitute no less than a Liberal Education. They cover the widest field of subjects. Science, History, Economics, Politics, Property, Morals, Religion and Nationalities, these are the eight successive topics which will be treated in broad outlines yet made intelligible and interesting by concrete illustrations and by answers to questions.

Dr. Titus is especially fitted for such exposition, having given many years of study to all these subjects before he became a Socialist, taking all the courses and degrees of the great tallest Universities. For the past eight years he has devoted himself almost exclusively to the application of Proletarian Science to life's problems, at the same time taking his own part in the Proletarian conflict. As editor of "The Socialist" he has participated actively in the education and organization of the Socialist movement in America.

This course of Lectures will therefore be of the highest educational value to all students, whether Socialists or not.

The Socialist Party in Seattle has undertaken to conduct this series of Lectures not only to challenge the attention of all thinking people, but to replenish its treasury. It is expected that every member of the Local will dispose of at least two course tickets at one dollar apiece and thereby secure a free ticket for himself or herself. This is the last week before the course begins and it is hoped Two Hundred Dollars will be turned into the treasury by next Sunday night, August 2, so that the Hall Rent can be met promptly.

The lectures afford an opportunity to combine pleasure, propaganda and profit. Muriel Window has volunteered to sing at the opening lecture on August 3, and the Marxian Orchestra proffered its services also.

Lining Up

The "Montana News" in a recent editorial, refers to the Washington State organization of the Socialists as one "where progress has been virtually at a standstill for several years because the Socialists are so busy glorifying their several positions and opinions that they do nothing else."

About as far from the truth as you could get, Comrade Hazlett. The Washington Socialist Party has one of the largest memberships in the country, and gets one of the largest votes in proportion to population. Wisconsin, your boasted and boastful "constructive" Wisconsin, can't compare with Washington in either of these particulars.

And no one knows better than Mrs. Hazlett that the contest within the Washington party has been one concerning fundamental principles, and that the victory has always rested with the Proletarian Principles.

But the attitude of the "Montana News" toward the Washington Party is revealed plainly in its praise of T. E. Latimer, who supported the fusionist tactics of W. T. Mills and opposed the regular Party organization in Washington. He is not a member of the Socialist Party, and yet the Montana organization employs him as one of its organizers.

In the same issue the "News" rejoices because a capitalist Mayor in Nevada welcomed the Socialist convention. Are we really so simple? It is plain enough that the Montana organization, under the lead of Mrs. Hazlett, is falling into the opportunist ranks very fast.

"The Socialist" wants very much to get a first-class Three Hundred Word Statement of Reasons Why a Working Man does not throw away his vote when he votes the Socialist ticket. We have offered \$5 as a prize to the best such Statement of Reasons received before August 1. We now extend the time to September 1, as we think the matter was not clearly understood.

Probably no one argument is so generally used effectively against voting the Socialist ticket as this: "What's the use of throwing your vote away?" How many told you after the last election: "I would have voted for you, if I thought you had any show to win, but I didn't like to throw my vote away."

How will you meet that argument? If some one can give us a good statement in 300 words to be used as a "Throw-Away," it will be worth many times Five Dollars.

We already have a number of answers, but few seem to hit the nail on the head. We want something practical, something which will convince the voter. Set your thinking machine agoing, comrade.

THE WOMAN

Countess of Warwick's Letter to Seattle Socialist Women

By Bessy Fiset

On hearing that the Countess of Warwick might come to America this year, The Woman's Socialist Educational Club, of Seattle, instructed its secretary to secure her for an engagement here. A letter was forwarded to her through the British Socialist Women's Bureau, and her answer printed below has just been received. I publish this in order to satisfy the curiosity and interest that no doubt exists in many quarters, concerning the truth of the reports that have been published by both Capitalist and Socialist press.

Warwick Castle, July 12th, 1908. Dear Mrs. Fiset: Many thanks for your kind letter, and I should much like to meet you and the many Comrades who are working for our great Cause in the States.

Gladly will I come to Seattle if I am ever in America again, but the Press has chosen to take me there unknown to myself for I am not thinking of going over, least of all at the time of Presidential elections. What should a stranger be doing on platforms then?

If I ever go again to America I have many engagements to fulfill to Socialist Comrades everywhere, and some day I hope to meet the members of your club, which would be a great pleasure. Meanwhile, many thanks for your cordial letter.

Yours sincerely,
FRANCES EVELYN WARWICK.

The "Woman's Socialist Educational Club" will hold its first meeting in the Local Headquarters, third floor of Silver Building, First and Cherry Streets, next Wednesday evening, August 5th at 7:30. (Please take notice in change of date.)

The women of this organization have always set aside the first meeting night in the month as a social night and heretofore have confined their efforts to entertaining and becoming acquainted with their women friends. This time they take great pleasure in inviting all their men comrades and friends to come, too.

These little socials are very informal, no admission being charged and are simply conducted in order that we may all become better acquainted with each other. All comrades are especially urged to bring their wives and sweethearts with them.

A letter received from Centralia this week relative to forming a Young People's organization of some kind. The East seems to have adopted the name of Socialist "Sunday Schools" (don't get the S. S. mixed up with Swift's Specific, etc.) but somehow, we Westerners seem to balk at the application of the term Sunday School. It seems to me, we can scare up more thrilling names than that, "Children of the Revolution," "Socialist League," "Revolutionary Recruits," "Soldiers of the Red Flag" and a hundred others that might easily suggest themselves, any one of which is more pregnant with the spirit we wish to inculcate in the minds of our boys and girls than the term "Socialist Sunday School."

Certainly there is, and should be nothing comparable between an organization which teaches its members to think for themselves along the most radical line of thought, and an organization which teaches its young people to accept nothing outside of a dogmatic code which upholds the very institutions which we denounce as against the very fibre and being of the Working Class.

If we contemplate the term Sunday School because it may attract some who would be afraid of some other name—which is really the only reason I can see for adopting it—we stamp ourselves as caterers to public opinion. Now, Comrades, we are just starting with our young people—the best lives in the world today—the great and forceful men and women of tomorrow—and let us not gather them in under a "Sunday School" banner, but under a Revolutionary banner, the name of which will always bring forth the best that is in them and stir them with that desire to be of universal service that the words "Sunday School" can never inspire!

There are those who think that the Women's Work in local Seattle was started when the committee for that work was appointed last March, but in point of fact it had its inception at a much earlier date!

On the 8th of last November, the Grey Lady, the Lady with the Dark-Eyed Baby, the Lady with the Blond Baby, and the Wife of the Man of Few Words—met, by appointment, at Pike Place and said things which displeased some of those big, bold policemen. Whereupon said big bold policemen swooped down on those four timid and shrinking women and those two babies and whisked them away in an automobile. At the end of their ride they were scolded and then sent to bed by some men in a big building. When they went to go to bed they found two other women who had been punished, too, by these very same men. During the night men came and looked through the doors and windows (or ventilators) at these women who had been naughty, and in the morning three men ruthlessly opened the door in a very ungentlemanly way and poked undesirable food at them.

At intervals during the day these men growled at these women and made them feel very uncomfortable—

so when the cross-st man of all came with a big key to let the women out those women passed out into the sunshine and fresh air with the idea firmly fixed that men were playing too important a part in the general scheme of things and if women were ever to get a fair show they would have to gird up their bodies and go at it!

Thus was the seed sown in the minds of the women in Local Seattle that was to grow and finally blossom into what is now the Socialist Women's Movement of the State of Washington.

At the risk of becoming tiresome, I am again going to say something about that cross between a giraffe and Angora goat—that hybrid-perpetual—who holds for th in the sanctuary known as the First Presbyterian church. In the "Times" of July 13th he says: "There used to be persons in the Presbyterian church who believed that women ought to be permitted to preach and be members of the Session, but thank God (shocking!) they are either converted or eliminated."

Then he goes on to say that the general assembly "settled the status of women forever" and the Presbyterians would never allow women to occupy the pulpit in the churches. This squib appears in the "Times" at the end of two columns of sentimental rot concerning the tribute paid to mothers by this sensational species in the aforesaid church last Sunday.

I haven't the time or the inclination to go over all the twaddle contained in that article, but I would like to know how the Reverend Matthews can reconcile the statements quoted above with the one following: He likens the home to a government and says that the father and the mother are a unit in the governing of that home and that destruction practically follows when one acts independently of the other.

Now if we are to look upon the home as the foundation, not only of the nation but of society, doesn't it hold good that men and women acting in conjunction for the nation's government, would bring about a much more natural and rational mode of living? If it is essential for the home, is it not even more essential for the nation to benefit by this unity in government?

But probably Dr. Angora Zarafa does not come in contact with any of these women who have been forced by economic conditions into the world outside the home, and is still taking it for granted that women do not step out of the seclusion of the Home.

The husband of a prominent suffragist here in Seattle said he could not see how on earth a man who practically sucked his financial nourishment from the women in his congregation could have the impudence to stand up and advocate their political slavery. He is certainly proving himself one huge nerve!

You're the fellow who has to spread the propaganda. If it was not for the subs you send in we couldn't run a week. Have you used that sub. blank yet?

Democrats at Work

National Organizer Geo. H. Goebel and Comrade Waldhorst, candidate for Mayor of Birmingham Ala., were arrested for street speaking and each fined fifty dollars. This was at the instigation of Mayor Ward. Later the Mayor remitted the fine for Comrade Goebel to enable him to proceed on his route. The case of Comrade Waldhorst will be taken to a jury. The prevailing sentiment indicates an equal.

About 12,000 coal miners are on a strike in the vicinity of Birmingham. This same Mayor Ward on July 20th, signed a contract with the Sloss Mining Company under which the City is to receive \$10.00 per month for its able-bodied male and female prisoners. The contract reads in part as follows: "That the coal company shall be entitled to the services of all able-bodied persons who have been convicted by the city. The Company reserving the right to reject any who are not physically able to do the work. The Company is required to keep the prisoners confined until their death or the end of their term."

Birmingham is under complete Democratic control. Other Democrats of the South evidently do not believe in Free Speech and answer Socialist arguments with eggs, as was the case with Comrade J. L. Fitts Saturday last in Greenville, Tenn.

These are a couple of samples of Democracy at work. If you want to make Socialist votes, you will have to get the workers to reading Socialist papers. The sub. blank we sent you last week should not lie idle this fine Summer weather.

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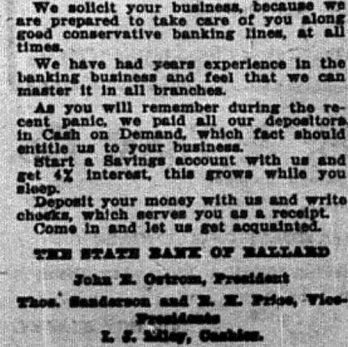
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The Daily Socialist,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades—While in attendance at the Socialist Party National Convention I was approached by one of your staff and requested to write an article on the origin and progress of the Socialist Party of Washington. I hereby comply with said request. The Socialist Party of Washington has never been, and is not now, a mere dream, but a fighting, militant reality, respected by its friends and feared by its enemies.

Our party has been strewn with roses. We have waged many a hard struggle with the enemies of the Working Class, both outside and inside the organization. We have always stood for no fusion, no compromise; have hewed close to the class line and remained true to the revolutionary purpose of the Socialist Movement.

To do this we have several times found it necessary to shed ourselves of a "constructive" reform element which has developed in our midst from time to time.

The first real conflict between Revolution and Reform in the Socialist Party of Washington occurred in the State convention of 1902.

This was a proxy convention. At this convention appeared a delegate from Spokane with 51 proxies, two of which represented men who were holding capitalist offices, to which one was elected and the other appointed by a political party opposed to and by the Socialist Party.

The revolutionary Socialists won out. The two proxies were not recognized by the convention, and what is more, a resolution was passed instructing Local Spokane to request these two men to either resign from their official position as representatives of the capitalist class, or from the Socialist Party, and failing to do either, to expel them.

Local Spokane not only did not comply with the mandate of this convention, but gave the Socialist Party a direct slap in the face by refusing to accept the resignation tendered by one of the men.

For this and subsequent violations of the Socialist Party constitution, platform and resolutions, Local Spokane in 1903 had their charter revoked by referendum vote.

At the same time, in the same way, Local Northport had their charter revoked and Thomas Neal was expelled from the party, the former because they compromised the party by casting their lot with one capitalist interest as opposed to another in the preceding municipal campaign, the latter because he allowed himself to be nominated and elected prosecuting attorney of Colfax by the Citizen's party, which dubbed itself non-partisan. The Socialist Party of Washington has never been able to conceive of a non-partisan party which was not political, and therefore necessarily a party of the capitalist class.

The next great battleground was in Seattle.

We twice found it necessary to expel Local Seattle from the party—once because they exonerated three of their members who signed pledges promising to support the municipal ownership party in the city campaign of 1906; the second time because they refused to try Walter Thos. Mills on a charge of party treason.

Both times the action of the state committee was appealed from, and both times their action was sustained by the party membership.

Failing to avert the Socialist Party of Washington from its revolutionary course, the opportunists, who had previously—and it is typical of their kind—howled themselves hoarse for harmony, proceeded to build up a counter organization, and under the pretense of operating under the national constitution, did the capitalist class a good turn by trying to disorganize the Socialist Party of Washington.

They failed miserably in their attempt and are now down and out. The Socialist Party of Washington is stronger in numbers, stronger in spirit, more courageous, more militant, more harmonious and better disciplined than ever before in its history.

In spite of our internal struggle with Opportunism we have one of the best organizations of any state in the union. After years of struggle in Seattle, in which we had to fight not only the capitalist class authorities, but many pretended friends of the Working Class—and struggles of shorter duration in other industrial centers of the state for the right of free speech, we finally won out, and can now speak unmolested—without asking permission—in any city or town of the state.

One out of every 350 of our population is a member of the Socialist Party, and the outlook for the future is very encouraging.
EMIL M. HERMAN.

SIMONS REJECTS HERMAN'S ARTICLE.
Chicago, Ill., June 9, 1908.
Emil M. Herman,
649 S. Main St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Comrade: Your matter at hand, and would say that we would be very glad to get an article on "The Origin and Progress of the Socialist Party of Washington." We have already printed these in regard to several other states and would say on this subject, but our article has nothing whatever to do, in my opinion, with this subject, but is merely a record of internal quarrels.

The Socialist Party springs out of certain industrial conditions. Its work is the fighting of Capitalism and the organization of the working class for that purpose. On all of these subjects you say nothing.

Your article would appear intelligibly to the great mass of the readers of the "Daily Socialist" as uninteresting and "unrealistic" as anything I have been following the fight.

I do not deny that fights are necessary. We have had plenty of them in Chicago and are having them now, but if I were to write the history of Socialism in Chicago, these fights would be incidental and not fundamental. The fundamental fact is the indus-

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TAFT'S NEW ISSUE

Broughton Brandenburg has an "authorized" interview with Taft in "Van Norden's" for July. The Republican candidate talks here like a real leader.

Taft in this interview speaks with the authority of progressive Capital. Capital is nothing if not progressive and aggressive.

Capital is Machinery exploiting Labor, ever producing a surplus above wages, and hence above Labor's power to buy.

Taft proclaims his War Cry: A Market for the American Surplus.

More explicitly, this cosmopolitan Taft, who has seen more of the world than any other American politician, who spent years in the Philippines, announces in so many words: The United States from McKinley and Hay has declared for the "Open Door" in China; now the United States is pledged to keep that door open in order to sell its goods in that immense market.

If Taft adheres to that policy, if he can force that issue in this campaign, Bryan is utterly lost. He has no answer. No one but the Socialists can answer.

For see what an Asiatic Market implies, a market consisting of a thousand millions of people, at least ten times the total population of America, an illimitable, undiscovered country, which staggers the imagination.

Every Capitalist in these states will be fired with enthusiasm born of his immediate interests. Both Capitalist party platforms, built by the petty politicians who make up their conventions, like the cowards and hypocrites and fools they are, make no mention of the Commercial Crisis and the accompanying hordes of the Unemployed. Ostrich like, they affect to ignore the Hard Times.

Not so Taft, with his world wide vision. He accepts the situation and offers a real solution, the only logical and progressive solution. He will even appeal to the workingman. He will say: You men are out of work, because the mills are shut down. The mills are shut down, because they cannot sell their goods; very well, I propose to get markets, the vastest markets ever provided for any nation, the unresched and undeveloped thousand millions of China and Asia.

Then we shall have renewed prosperity, the mills will reopen and the workers be re-employed. The Panic will cease and a New Era in the World's History will open, with America in the lead. Just as for the past two centuries England captured and led the Commercial Army of Conquest about the shores of the Atlantic and Indian oceans, so now the United States will capture and lead in the new conquest of the Pacific. So shall we enter upon an almost endless career of capitalistic development and unexampled prosperity.

Taft declares our new navy is for this purpose. He intimates most plainly that Japan must be checked, even at the risk of war. At any cost, he says, the "Open Door" must be maintained in China. The international guarantee to that effect cannot be violated.

What shall be the Socialist reply to this rational and masterful appeal by the Republican statesman to the Wage Workers for their support?

We shall have to agree with Taft's diagnosis of the economic situation. In fact, Taft has been forced to accept the Socialist interpretation of the Crisis. It is due to Over Production, too many goods to sell, too few markets to sell them in. To have forced the capitalists to accept this explanation of the Panic is itself a Socialist victory.

But how shall we meet the promise of employment for the Wage Workers which the new markets will guarantee?

We cannot deny the facts. The new markets for the Surplus, two thousand millions per year, Dewey said it was four years ago, and new nearer four thousand millions, these new markets will open the mills and set millions of unemployed to work again. There is no denying that. In fact, there is no other possible way for Capital to save itself. It is Capital's only answer to the charge of incompetence in the management of the World's affairs. Only thus can Capital prevent a universal Starvation Revolt.

And what have the Socialists to say in reply? Is it not obvious?

Why send the Surplus abroad? Why not use it ourselves? If the United States is capable of producing Two to Four Thousand Millions of wealth annually more than the inhabitants of the United States are allowed by the Capitalist owners to use, to eat, to wear and to enjoy, why raise a navy and capture Pacific islands and force doors open in Asia to compel Chinamen and Manchurians to eat and wear and enjoy the things our own workmen could easily dispose of?

In one word, why not create a Home Market for our Surplus? That is precisely what the Socialist Party proposes, to give the workers all their own product, to stop this Capitalist nonsense and to introduce Proletarian sense instead. The moment the Proletarians unite at the polls and capture political power, they will turn this splendid navy, this trained army, this American National Power, not on backward Asiatics to make them eat wheat instead of rice and wear cotton instead of silk, but on this Capitalist crew of Masters of Bread in America who won't let us eat the food we raise or enjoy the other wealth our labor produces.

If the Workers owned all this vast productive machinery and therefore owned what it produces, don't you suppose they would find a way to distribute it among themselves, their wives and children?

Proletarians, Taft proposes a Foreign Market, so as to keep you on Competitive Wages, just a bare living as at present, and to use

the Powers of Government to force your product on those who don't want it.

The Socialists propose that you take possession yourselves of those same Powers of Government and use them to displace the Capitalist system itself and substitute a Home Market, namely, your own starved stomachs and ragged backs and empty homes and pinched lives.

It is up to you, a Foreign Market for Capital or a Home Market for Labor!

Later Note: Taft's speech of acceptance falls down from the bold level taken in the Brandenburg interview. He simply reiterates the Roosevelt policies. But our comments are none the less appropriate. Capital will have to come to this project, soon or late.

Wag Replies to Untermann

Cleveland, Ohio, July 15, 1908. The Socialist, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Comrades: Allow me just a little space in answer to Comrade Untermann's letter in your paper dated July 10.

I never asserted and do not charge that Untermann was secretly in league with Hutcheson when acting on the credentials committee of the National Convention. I do not assert that any member of that committee had secret connection with Hutcheson. I do assert that a few on the committee were prejudiced against the regular party in Washington and in a veiled or hidden manner tried to favor Hutcheson's faction. By a hidden attempt to play into the hands of Hutcheson, I do not mean a hidden or secret connection with Hutcheson. I mean only what I say.

But I do not even charge Comrade Untermann with attempting in a hidden manner to play into Hutcheson's hands. All I claim is, that Untermann (so it seemed to me at the time and I have had no evidence to cause me to change my mind since) does not understand party organization. Untermann should not shoulder so much of that first paragraph of mine.

I arrived at the conclusion, that Untermann's place in the Socialist movement is not with the organization work. All by myself no one but me, needs to be made to believe I am correct, believe I am. Many little incidents brought about this belief. For instance, Untermann claimed at the time that the credentials committee was considering the Washington contest, that he had followed the controversy closely and was conversant with both sides of the affair, that he thought it only a personal conflict and with a few persons out of the way it would disappear. Upon which he favored a motion to seat Hutcheson as a delegate, knowing Hutcheson was not a member of the Socialist Party, having been expelled by a referendum of the membership in Washington. Knowing Hutcheson carried no regular dues card.

Only this convinces me that I am correct in what I said of Comrade Untermann not to mention a sentence in his letter which reads, "I was not satisfied merely to base my conclusions upon a constitution made by one side and often amended without the help of the other side." Comment unnecessary.

In conclusion only this. I may have a superficial mind, my conclusions may be shallow and false, I may be an adept in palming off my individual assumptions and animosities on the comrades as though they were actual facts, I may be in the habit of doing secret and underhand work, I may need some drilling in the art of telling the truth, all this may be true to Comrade Untermann, but I never said half so many mean things about him.

So just for fun, allow me to apply part of your first paragraph to yourself, Untermann, and see how you like it. "You refer to me in such a way that the reader may overlook the trifling circumstance that these references are merely personal impressions, not actual statements of fact. What I really am and what some individual comrade thinks I am, are two vastly different things. The reference of Comrade Untermann to my personality and my qualifications are mere personal assumptions based upon nothing but his own individual impressions of me after a few hasty glimpses of me and yet he judges me in a way that tends to create the impression as though his personal ideas of me were undeniable and true statements of fact. Permit me to take exception to this hasty and misleading manner of scattering false statements concerning me broadcast among the comrades who read 'The Socialist'."

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Timely Death

THE Socialist, Seattle, Wash.

Several parties here who have subscribed for the "Seattle Evening Tribune," have not been receiving their paper for quite a while and have requested me to ascertain if that paper has suspended, therefore, this inquiry, which I hope you will kindly reply to.

With best regards and wishes, and to hear from you soon, I remain Yours fraternally, P. SLAUGH, Ex-Secy Reno Local, 345 Peavine Street, Reno, Nevada.

Editors Reply: Yes, suspended, hung till dead, several weeks ago, as announced in "The Socialist" at the time. The deceased died just in the nick of time, immediately after the second year's subscriptions were due and collected. Age at death, one year and enough more to get in 2d year's subs. It has been said on the wicked street that Walter T. Mills' latest arrival in Seattle was for the purpose of collecting his share of said 2d year subs. Moral: Don't subscribe next time the biggest Socialist paper ever heard of sends out its Prospectus, and especially don't send in your second year's dollar till at least the middle of said 2d year. In one word, Don't be taken in by a skin-game, even if it is labeled "Socialist."

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The above route was prepared by the National Executive Committee in session July 10-11, at which time every expression from the State Committees and Locals were considered and the Committee had the advice and assistance of a schedule specialist on the railroad connections.

J. MAHON BARNES, National Secretary.

Comrades: Send in your Dollar special contribution for "The Red Special." We will not have it at all unless Twenty Thousand Dollars is raised before August 30th. Send to your State Secretaries an average of a dollar a member, if possible.—Ed. "The Socialist."

Kier Hardie on Debs

Keir Hardie writes to National Secretary Barnes:

"Needless to say I most cordially wish success to Comrade Debs and the Party generally.

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"In every white man's country in the world, labor has its own Party. The workers of United States of America will, I feel confident, want to be in the Van of Progress, not lagging in the rear, and to accomplish this they must vote solid for Debs and his co-nominees.

"With fraternal greetings, I am your Comrade, J. KEIR HARDIE."

Idaho State Convention

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loch, secy. Wallace—Paid to June 1, 1908, 30; on roll, 55; W. E. Stache, secy.

Twin Falls County. Twin Falls—Members paid to June 1, 1908, 46; on roll, 59; H. H. Freedheim, secy.

Washington County. Council—Members paid to June 1, 1908, 10; on roll, 10; M. P. Gifford, secy, box 101. Midvale—C. W. Randleman, secy. Welser—Paid to June 1, 1908, 8; on roll, 11, Mrs. H. R. Warner, secy.

Total receipts during the four years of my incumbency of this office, ending July 1, 1908, were \$2,950.96. The dues received, one-half to National Office, \$1,475.15. Salary paid secretary, first year, \$2.77; second year, \$76.44; third year, \$180; fourth year, \$180; average salary per month, \$9.15.

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(Signed) THOS. J. COONROD, State Secy-Treas., Socialist Party of Idaho.

The following telegram was sent at 11:40 p. m.: Lewiston, Idaho, July 4, 1908. J. Mahon Barnes, 180 E. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Harmonious and enthusiastic convention closed with full State ticket. Good prospects for great gains. THOS. J. COONROD.

IDAHO NOTES

Local Idaho Falls have taken 85 of new constitutions.

Local Wallace assessed their membership \$1.00 apiece to raise the expenses of Delegates to State Convention.

Comrade V. L. Doyle, of Kootenai, writes: "Prospects for the movement are better every day in this neck of the woods."

Comrade James Farrell, of Naples, sends \$3.00 donation and writes: "You can count on me for a small donation once a month until after the November election."

Local Athol, G. W. Benjamin, Sec., was reinstated with nine members.

Local Mullan (Finnish) reports four new members in June, 55 on roll.

Comrade Thos. L. Bule, of Colorado, was expected to make several dates in Idaho during July, but no reports have reached Headquarters yet.

Local Payette has admitted four new members.

Comrade O. M. Evans, of Whitebird, writes: "A small band of us Socialists here would like to organize." He got instructions.

Locals should be careful who they employ as speakers. None but Party members should be employed that can show the RED CARD up to date. Investigate if they do not come from State or National Headquarters.

The Democrats of Bonner County think Comrade M. C. Zornes, of Elmira, good timber for their county ticket and nominated him without his knowledge, but he declines the honor and is working for and hopes to succeed in getting a Socialist Party county ticket in the field.

Comrade James Smith, of Saint Anthony, writes: "Please send me papers for organizing, as I am going to bring this county in line if possible."

Comrade J. H. Coon, Sr., of Bonner county, applies for membership at large, and writes: "Enclosed please find Application Card filled out and \$10.00 in currency; \$3.00 to pay one year's dues and \$7.00 to help in State Campaign." About May his Tribe Increase.

Comrade Joseph Kroker, of Kilgore, send \$5.89 in checks and writes: "It is my pleasure to report that the Comrades of this section of country have taken on new life and action regarding Socialism."

Campaign sublists are beginning to return with funds. Let no sympathizer escape a chance to help at this most important moment. Get something on every list, if but little, remembering "Dimes count."

All points that want a speaker should make their wants known at Headquarters. How often can you use one, when best suits your town?

We have hopes of getting Comrade D. Burgess, of Seattle, Nominee for Congress from Washington, with us from August 1st for six weeks or more.

Comrade H. A. Barton, of Coeur d'Alene, our nominee for Congress, has signified his willingness to enter the campaign at once and Comrade Ernest Untermann, of Florence, our nominee for Governor, will be ready to enter the campaign by the middle of September. Many others will be ready soon and we must know your wants or we must guess. Let us hear soon.

Comrade B. R. Shimp, of Billas, sends \$1.00 dues and \$1.00 donation for campaign fund and writes: "The sooner Capitalism becomes unendurable the sooner will come the Co-operative Commonwealth. Then let the gods—and devils—do their best—and worst."

Comrade C. E. Ripley, of Rea, writes: "Will you please send me instructions and necessary papers so we can organize a local? Two-thirds of the precincts are already of the Socialist faith. However, we wish to become an integral part of the State Organization and have an official standing as Socialists."

Comrade John G. Wanhope reports a fairly good meeting in Courthouse at Lewiston, July 6th, considering the oppressive weather, and writes: "At Orofino had a fine outdoor meeting on a vacant lot with seats provided for the women, who almost outnumbered the men." "The Picnic at Clearwater on the 9th was a great success. Everything went off as planned notwithstanding the fact that some two-footed cattle in Clearwater got scared of the RED FLAG and threatened to come and shoot it full of holes, but the beautiful banner, worked by Comrade Mrs. Scott, upon which was written: 'Socialism the Hope of the World,' was still there when the picnic was over." "When I got to Kamiah on the 10th I found the place very much alive. They had a vacant lot half roofed over and with seats for the crowd, and a brass band to arouse enthusiasm. I spoke from 2 p. m. until nearly 4 o'clock to a very interested audience. Wade R. Parks had spoken in forenoon and was to speak again in evening and the affair was to end up with a dance. It was a whole-day event devoted to the propaganda of Socialism. If the unorganized Socialists can make an affair of this kind the unqualified success that it was, something will be done when they start the local. I expect to return on 16th and help get the local started in running order. There seems to be a tremendous Socialist sentiment all over Northern Idaho, the task is, to get it crystallized."

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