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FROM INSIDE DENVER JAIL

By J. Edward Morgan

Famed for Columbine and bullpen,
Treasures rare,
Colorado mountains hoary—
Know her grandeur, preach her story,
Mingled fame and shame and glory,
Everywhere.

City Jail, Bull Pen, Denver, Colo., 10 p. m.
Gee! what a stinking, lousy place!
Forty-eight prisoners—cell 10x12.
Just got through a half hour's talk to the poor unfortunates—white and black.

Ten minutes after Comrade Meltzer and myself landed in bullpen, the 46 "vagrants" wanted a talk on Socialism. They got it and hollered for more. "Debs for mine." "Socialism for mine." "No more old parties and bullpens for me," were some of the expressions that greeted us when we finished the job.

How did we get in jail? You read my letter last week—well, for nearly four months I spoke to large crowds on 16th and California streets. Last Saturday night I spoke on the "Stupidity and Cowardice of Capitalist Class," and brought forth several carloads of evidence to prove that they are by far "the most stupid, cowardly and incompetent of all the ruling classes in history." Commenting on their stupidity and short-sightedness in their attempts to suppress the Socialists, I reviewed the Seattle and Los Angeles fights for free speech.

I must have made some awful mistake. I declared that the Los Angeles police didn't know the American flag from the crimson banner of revolution, and in their mad frenzy, trampled the Stars and Stripes in the dust. The cops were listening. We had boasted of worsening the Los Angeles police; they would show us how they'd do the trick in Denver.

I announced that Monday night would be my farewell speech in Denver, leaving Tuesday for Omaha and the East to speak for National Committee.

Just the hour for the police to strike. "No speaking Monday night," cried the bulls. "He'll take water for he has to go Tuesday to fill his dates." Monday night hove in sight—so did the big crowd—so did the bulls, 20 strong. Sergeant McIntyre—grandest coosack of them all—who loves a Socialist as the hawk loves chickens—loomed up like a she wolf in a sheepskin, in all his paint and feathers. "Your permit is revoked; no speaking here!"

Well, that's how I got in the bullpen with my comrade Meltzer to keep company with those forty-six other undesirables. There was sure speaking on that corner about three hours ago.

I spoke exactly one minute and 20 seconds. Here is my speech, taken down in short long hand by the cock-sure bull: "Our permit is revoked—thanks to the police. No more begging for permits. The die is cast. We'll show them a permit they can't revoke. We'll talk on any corner or the city. The Constitution of the United—biff!—And the loving sergeant is hugging me to his heaving bosom."

Up goes Comrade Meltzer. "We'll speak till hell freezes— But it didn't freeze, and it ain't froze yet. We ought to know—we are both sweltering in hell with 46 other undesirables."

Meltzer has been there before, so has Morgan—and so have more of these poor devils who swear by all that's cussed in this glorious free country that they'll vote for Debs—and liberty. But that don't make this cell smell any the sweeter, and the bugs bite just as they did of old, but the jailer is more brutal than I have ever seen him before.

11 P. M.—I have been dozing, stretched out on the jail floor. Awakened by a coarse, gruff voice, grunting out: "Socialists wanted," we are ordered to appear before the Chief of Police. I must halt here. I wonder if we are to be manhandled? I barely escaped when waiting to be searched and booked. I meekly suggested that Socialism was growing mightily these days, and that the police board better be about enlarging their quarters. I escaped with an awkward ill-timed blow in the chest. I have completely recovered from the shock. Ta-ta! Hall to the Chief!

Tuesday Morning—Gosh all fishhooks, but this air do feel fine. And them bugs—ain't I been giving them a merry chase? Talk of parasites—it's a lesson in sociology and "how to get possession" to see the consternation among those bugs—and their abject willingness to compromise on my terms when I stepped out from under—Mighty Caesar!

When I contemplate the innate meanness in man—his love of revenge—I walked 18 blocks with a tin can full of those bugs, just to empty on the doorsteps of Gov. Buel, Bishop Matz, Captain Lee and Sergeant McIntyre. I would spend a month in jail for the chance of sleeping one night in Sergeant McIntyre's bed after being released from jail with a good catch of the leanest and hungriest of this year's crop.

But what of our visit to the royal chamber? I must desist—too full, or rather too empty for expression. They wanted to know—you know—wanted to compromise—Denver Dry Goods Company was kicking—many royal personages were kicking. In fact, a very devil of a big kick had been registered by numerous very polite and very dignified sons of—Toads—I believe Jack London puts it. Well, these silk-socked sons-of-Toads could tolerate no more agitation on 16th and California. Too sacred a spot; we were disgracing the city's fair name, to say nothing of the tobacco juice decorating the pavement within a radius of 50 feet of the great Denver Dry Goods store. Well, we had our say as to our rights and the rights of silk socks and other hoboes. Took me one-half hour explainin' to Chief Armstrong why we were in jail, and how in all probability we would come again, and yet again, 'till we forced recognition of our rights to speak on any corner of the city, whenever we chose—without consulting silk socks, Denver Dry Goods, or police.

The chief got interested (he is a new chief, former union man, but badly tattooed by a capitalistic environment). He wanted to know "about Socialism"—what the devil kind of fanatics were we, anyhow? who did we represent? "What were we about to do?" He waited for an answer. He got it. Captain Lee was there, so was Sergeant McIntyre. Socialists have reason to know them. They, too, "wanted to know," you know; besides, there were "others"—lesser lights, satellites, all wearing stars and hang-dog looks. All "wanted to know." The little room was crowded—chock full. So were the two Socialists, but I am not so full just now. I think I must have unloaded several cargoes in the chief's office. After talking about ten minutes on "What is Socialism," I paused to find my bearings. The chief begged me to resume. It was 11:30 p. m. when I began to "resume." When I got through resuming it was 1:30 a. m., and "all mouths" were still gaping for more. In three-quarters of an hour's time I had them all sea-sick, heaving and gasping, trying to cough up something. In an hour they were all shipwrecked and foundering around in a turbulent sea, choking, swallowing great gulps of the "undesirable" water and reaching desperately for land. In one and one-half hours I had them safely landed in a sunny port, breakfasting on the unstolen fat of a fruitful land, clad in new, clean garments and soberly smoking the pipe of peace.

In my next I will tell you in detail of the two hours' talk, and of the terrible indictment I gave to the modern police system in its treatment of the working class, using Chief Armstrong's own police and the poor unfortunates "vags" now lying rotting in the cells as the basis of my argument. We sure made Chief Armstrong and his satellites think some.

I leave for Omaha today, then Chicago and the East. Boys will finish the fight here. I am two days late on my trip now on account of arrest, but no Socialist will let a "date" upset his prospects of breaking into jail from a soap box. An revolt!



THE INJUNCTION CZAR

Judge Czar Hanford, of Seattle, confirmed his past record when he granted the Temporary Injunction last Thursday against the striking Longshoremen.

From the time of the "Coxey Army," when he called out the militia to run Northern Pacific trains, this Federal Judge has consistently betrayed his hostility to Labor.

On this occasion he went out of his way to castigate Labor Unions and to declare them repugnant to Liberty and the Constitution. He snapped his words with vigor and venom, as if he were delivering a stump speech instead of a judicial opinion.

He brushed aside the evidence of Mayor Miller, Chief of Police Ward and the patrolmen on the water front, all of whom made affidavit that the conditions along the docks had been as necessary during the strike as ever they were. The Mayor explicitly contradicted the affidavits of various officials of the Shipping Association, who averred they had been refused "protection" by the city authorities.

The Mayor's language in this regard is suggestive. He says in his affidavit that he told "the four gentlemen" representing the steamship companies that "if they were using the word, protection, to mean that they might indulge in whatever conduct they desired to indulge in that would be to their advantage or lead to their ultimate advantage and that the police department would protect by the use of physical force all of such acts, desires and things, then they were using the word, protection, in a broader sense than the police authority could lawfully indulge in."

That means, if you shippers want to hire thugs to make trouble, you must not expect Police Protection in Seattle. John F. Miller has learned, evidently, what Cornelius Hanford is too old to learn, that workmen constitute an influential component of the community and their demands can no longer be ignored.

Hanford belongs to a past generation, and does not recognize the Rise of the Proletariat. His eyes are in the back of his head.

He is the best possible propagandist of Socialism, like Moore and Wapenstein, fellow bullheads of Capital. They talk about "Law" and "Government" as if the Wage Worker had nothing to do with them except to submit. If they will not submit, they shall submit. He, the Czar, will make them submit. He is sworn to make them submit and, by God, he'll do it.

Note the manner in which this Bull Judge issued his mandate, declaring in so many words, that "Violence had been committed by some one, whatever the affidavits might deny and it was natural to assume the Unions had done it."

He denounced "the despotism of this form of Union copied from England, where the Unions had brought on the ruin of the empire and committed 200,000 to the Alms-house in London alone."

He even intimidated the Mayor had been derelict in his duty and the Injunction was needed to effect what the Mayor declined to do.

It is small wonder "The Times," Bryan's organ, carried Hanford's decision on the front page under scare head, "Judge Scores Labor Unions." As a piece of politics, this Republican Judge could have committed no greater blunder or done more injury to Taft.

This decision will help the Socialist vote among intelligent workmen who know how meaningless is all

Bryan's taffy about Injunctions. Vote for Anti-Injunction Gene, boys.

The longshoremen's union of Portland has endorsed the strike of the Puget Sound Longshoremen, and no freight loaded by strikebreakers here can be unloaded at that point. It is expected that similar action will be taken at San Francisco this week.

The Inveric, loaded last week by strikebreakers, affords an excellent illustration of the expense of the strike to the ship owners. The cargo consisted of 25,000 feet of lumber. Two gangs of 20 scabs each were employed, and it required seven days to complete the job. Each of the strikebreakers were paid \$6 a day and board. Half this number of experienced longshoremen, at \$4.50 a day without board would have loaded the vessel in nine hours.

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TROUBLE IN SWEDEN

(From "Social-Demokraten," Copenhagen.)

A settlement has been reached between the employers and employees in the building industry in Sweden. According to the agreement, the highest-paid workers will be paid the same wages as before, while all less skilled will get a raise. When considering that the master builders threatened a general reduction of wages in all trades, this settlement must be considered as a signal victory for the building trades in Sweden.

At the recent yearly convention of the English trade unions it was decided to introduce a bill in Parliament which, if passed, will prohibit English workmen from being employed as strike-breakers in other countries. This had been necessary by the present dock-workers' strike in Sweden. This law would be of similar nature as the one which prohibits foreign powers from recruiting soldiers in England.

A general lockout in the shipping industry in Sweden was threatened two or three weeks ago, to take effect July 20th. If materialized, it effects directly or indirectly from one and one-half to one and one-half million people.

July 12th, at 2 o'clock a. m., a bomb was thrown aboard a boat in the harbor of Malmo, with the result that one English strike-breaker was killed and seven wounded. The boat was being used as a lodging-house by about 80 English scabs. The bomb-thrower escaped.

A general lockout has been declared in the bookbinding industry in Stockholm.

ARTHUR JENSEN.

Remember those sub blanks which were sent out two weeks ago? Well, they are beginning to come back, but you haven't sent yours yet, and we haven't had to hire that new stenographer, though there's a real nice looking girl looking for the job when it is ready.

VICTORY AT BELLINGHAM

The new Primary Law was knocked out by the Socialists for the third time this week. Three Superior Court Judges have now agreed that the Fees required by the statute are unconstitutional. Spokane Co., King Co., and now Whatcom Co., have agreed on this decision, including Judge Poindexter, Judge Morris and Judge Neterer.

The case in Whatcom Co. will be appealed and the Socialist candidates will pay their fees under protest, until the Supreme Court of the State shall decide the appeal.

But the Socialist State organization will not wait. As soon as state officers are nominated on Sept. 8, Attorney Riddle, who conducted and won the King Co. and Whatcom Co. cases and who represents the Party, will present the same contention to the Supreme Court direct and its decision will be decisive of the question in all the counties of the state.

Next week "The Socialist" will print the arguments in the Whatcom Co. case, for the benefit of comrades in the various counties.

The first of the Titus Lectures was given in Marxian Hall last Monday evening. It was introductory to the other seven lectures.

The attendance was largely made up of non-Socialists. The lecturer presented in large outlines the relation of Socialism to Modern Science. He showed Socialism to be much more than a political movement, no less than the Science of Society. He examined the elemental principles of Scientific Investigation, and claimed Socialism was just as thoroughly deduced from those principles as Biology or Astronomy. He argued that there was no escape from the conclusions of Socialism, if the Scientific method was adopted.

The hindrances to the use of this method were delineated with considerable detail, especially the intellectual incapacity of the untrained mind as well as the interested incapacity of the class mind.

Many unusual questions were asked and answered.

The subject next Monday night is: "The Classes; or Socialism and History." This will cover the outlines of universal history and ought to draw a still larger audience. No such opportunity has ever been offered on the Pacific Coast to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of Socialism. Socialist speakers will find this a School of Socialism especially preparing them for meeting Capitalist arguments.

Comrade and Mrs. H. M. Wells, who were married, have returned to the city and are now at home to their friends at 2308 North 63rd street. The young couple have now been "shivered" twice, and think that this period of the honeymoon should be regarded as closed.

Comrade Wells is a member of the Central Labor Council and one of the best speakers in the Socialist movement. Mrs. Wells was formerly Miss Nests Winefrid King and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. King.

The National Constitution was adopted in Washington except the clause providing that it go into effect Jan. 1, 1909. That was defeated 150 to 124. Only 26 Locals had their votes counted, several arriving too late.

Have your Local order a bundle of a thousand next week and the week after and the week after that and see how fast Socialist sentiment grows in your town.

STAY AWAY

Conditions on Grand Trunk
Pacific Rotten

Port Essington, B. C., July 26, 1908.
Editor Seattle "Socialist":
Dear Comrade and Readers of "The Socialist"—I understand that the contractors of the G. T. P. Railway Co. are advertising for 10,000 men in Seattle to come and work on their line.

The fact is that the slaves of Vancouver have been worked to the limit. The school of suckers searching for crumbs around the Terminal City have learned, owing to information furnished by returning crowds of victims, so the net is being cast in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." What about that "anti-alien law" that was to perform the miracle of dividing the red sea of capitalist production at the 49th parallel, so that Uncle Samuel's pursuers could not reach the chosen people of Canada!

O, modern Utopian of the W. T. M. brand, can you never learn that the state is and ever has been the executive of the ruling class and that those now on top are by far too happy and contented to cut their own throats by enforcing laws detrimental to their economic or class interests? Do you not know that capitalism is international? Are you foolish or only knavish?

I sent rather a warm letter to the "Clarion" last week, entitled "Wage Slavery on the G. T. P." I advise you to copy it for the benefit of your readers.

Now, my advice is to keep away from the district. Keep away from the G. T. P. from Buckley Valley and from the Findley River "gold fields," or you will be sorry.

Here it has rained nearly all summer, and the rainfall at the terminus is over 100 inches a year. There is no soil here, nothing but swamp bog and rocks.

The files are here in swarms. They have good appetites, and are especially fond of wage-slaves from south of the line. Men will not work on the railway except under the lash of famine. Wages average \$2.50 a day and it costs them out of that \$5.50 for board. They have to buy tobacco, boots and other slave luxuries from the contractors' stores. If they lose two or three days a week nothing is coming to them. If they lose more they find themselves in debt. They work during the summer soaked to the skin. They quit or they are fired, and so a big surplus of hungry slaves is necessary to keep the works going. What a jolly system it is—for the master.

The contracts are sublet, several times and the last man is compelled to snivel the lash and crowd down wages to the last notch so as to come out ahead.

Men will not stay with this work longer than they can help, and they are constantly leaving and others taking their places.

Italians are now coming, and after the Dominion election Japs will swarm in and the Anglo Saxon may well get off the earth, as they will not be needed and are liable to cause trouble.

Hundreds coming here are unfit for railway camps. The average city mechanic and clerk is no use here. The contractors pick their men and the most of them coming here are culls. That is why they now number about 10,000.

The transportation lines like to carry slaves up and down the coast. It means profits and a good time for them. It also keeps slaves divided and incapable of making a kick at the polls. So stay where you are! Vote for Debs! Fire your masters and be real men!

Yours for the Revolution,
W. J. CURRY.

THE SOCIALIST SPECIAL

Chicago, Ill., July 31st, 1908.

Comrades and Friends—

The keen interest I feel in the Socialist Special prompts this appeal in its behalf. Dismissing all personal considerations and speaking with reference to the party alone, I frankly confess myself an enthusiast upon the subject. The idea is bold and audacious and proclaims the adult stage of the Socialist party, which the machine politicians still fondly believe to be in its swaddling clothes.

It is a brilliant idea and glitters with possibilities. The very suggestion is infectious and the thing itself an inspiration.

The Socialist Special!
The roar of it can already be heard in the distance and the eager crowds can be seen as they cheer the onrushing "red spectre" with fiery enthusiasm in its flight across the continent on its mission of emancipation. In its wake the comrades will shout exultant and the track of the Red Special will be the path of the Revolution.

Hundreds of thousands will be attracted who otherwise will be beyond our reach. Tons of literature will be distributed.

The Special itself will be a thing of life and will throbb with the spirit of revolution. Along its track the stray and scattered embers of revolt will be fanned into a sweeping conflagration.

It will increase our capacity, augment our power, multiply our numbers and vitalize our propaganda.

Can it be done?
What!
Can forty thousand members of the Socialist party and a million Socialist sympathizers raise the insignificant bagatelle of Twenty Thousand Dollars?

That is the proposition in a nutshell. It can be done!
Of course it can be done!

But there is no time to lose—not a minute. And the only way to do it is to do it.

Turn yourself loose, comrades, all along the line and roll in the coin until the Socialist Special is assured.

The announcement has already gone forth and it has struck dismay in the ranks of the enemy. We cannot now retreat. The Socialist party must make good and the Red Special start on schedule time.

Twenty thousand dollars invested in a Socialist Special in this campaign will be worth more than five times that amount at a later time.

Nothing ever done or attempted in our propaganda has had such an electric effect upon the movement. The amount required to carry it out will be returned tenfold in advertising alone and in making Socialism the commanding issue before the people of the United States.

Loyally your comrade,
EUGENE V. DEBS.

Note. Send to your State Secretary all you can raise at the earliest moment.



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The skirmisher always carries enough rations to last him a day or two, but most important of all, he carries plenty of ammunition.

So with the Socialist skirmisher. In the early days of the campaign, before the rest of the Socialists who only work during the excitement of the battle have got their eyes open, he is at the front picking off a man here and a man there, depleting the enemy's ranks and causing great uneasiness in the enemy's headquarters.

Like the soldier, he makes it a point to carry plenty of ammunition. His ammunition consists of leaflets, booklets, and subscription cards for Socialist papers.

We are endeavoring to help the skirmisher by making it easy for him to get his ammunition. For the balance of the campaign, as we announced two weeks ago, we will send "The Socialist" for the small sum of Twenty-five Cents. In order to assist the skirmisher and make it unnecessary for him to make extra trips for additional ammunition, we have prepared special subscription cards, which we are selling at the rate of Five for One Dollar, or Twenty Cents each.

Sub cards are handy. All you have to do is to talk to a man for a few minutes, convince him that the only way he can hope to be up to date is to read some Socialist paper, spring a subscription card entitling him to "The Socialist" for the balance of the campaign, collect Twenty-five Cents—and go on your way on the lookout for the next victim.

Every week you delay sending for these cards means one less week the prospective subscriber will get the paper, so if you are really going to be in the skirmish before the great battle, load up with ammunition now.

FOREIGN NOTES.

(From "Social-Demokraten," Copenhagen.)

Preparations are being made for the next International Socialist Congress, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 1910.

That the Congress will not be without a musical program is certain, as 24 Socialist Singing Societies with a total of 600 male voices are already being trained.

By a vote of 311 to 10, the English House of Commons recently passed a bill providing for old age pensions.

By a vote of 57 to 3, the city council of Rome, Italy, has abolished the teaching of religion in the public schools.

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MAN

Editors Note—So far as we are aware, this prose poem of Gorki's has not hitherto appeared in English. It may be designated as the great author's Declaration of Faith or his View of Life. It is optimistic and triumphant, ascribing to the Human Power of Cognition almost limitless areas of achievement. Only in this sense can it be called Socialist, and except as the reflex of an avowed Revolutionary Socialist.

In the hours of depression, when the reminiscence of the sad shadows of the past fills my heart with coldness, when Thought, like the stern Autumn sun, illumines the terrible chaos of the present and moves menacingly on itself, powerless to ascend higher, in those sad hours of dejection, I evoke with all the strength of my imagination the majestic image of Man.

Man! At this word it seems that the sun shines in my bosom and that under its sparkling light, I see Man tragically handsome and vast as the world, advance slowly forward and always higher. On his noble forehead shine the rays of the undaunted and powerful Thought which has grasped the admirable harmony of the Universe, and in his eyes, brave and deep, radiates that Sublime Power which, in the moments of weariness makes him create Gods, and in the periods of vigor commands him to destroy them.

On this small planet called the Earth, which, lost in the middle of the wilderness of the Universe, wanders with an incomparable speed towards an unknown destination, in the deepness of the endless space, Man is alone, sadly puzzled with the eternal question "Why do I live?" Nevertheless he still marches on, bravely, forward and always higher upon the road of victories and through the mysteries of earth and heaven.

He advances lonely but proud, staining with blood his painful road. That blood which procreates the everlasting flowers of poetry, while the cry of anguish from his alarmed soul gives birth to Music. With his experience he creates Science, and, surrounded by these creations of his



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**Everett Whoops
Her Up**

Everett, Wash., July 26, 1908.
Editor "The Socialist,"

During the past week Socialism has had its share of the attention of the people of Everett and vicinity. If we can do half as well for the balance of the campaign as we have done for the week just past, we can truly say that the Socialist party of Everett has contributed her share of agitation, and the people in this vicinity will know that Socialism is at least one of the main issues of this campaign.

Last Sunday night Comrade Burgess addressed a large audience at the corner of Wetmore and Hewett, the evidences of which gives us good reason to believe that the people here are becoming greatly interested in the question of Socialism.

Then last Sunday, Local Everett picnicked at Langley, at which place also Comrade Burgess made an address to the picnickers and the people of Langley, which was also a signal success.

Last Sunday night again at the corner of Hewett and Wetmore Comrade Burgess made a masterly address to an immense audience, which will most certainly bring forth good results, as was indicated by the eagerness of the people in purchasing our literature at the close of the meeting, for as a matter of fact every piece of literature we had on hand was sold and some of the audience calling for more.

Then on Tuesday night Comrade Osborne made an excellent address to a large audience composed of all classes of people, at the corner of Hewett and Wetmore, almost the entire audience remaining till the very last sentence of the address.

Then it is not a fact, comrades, that Everett is getting its share of Socialist agitation? And when we see the people at these street meetings giving such evidence of eagerness to know something of the message of Socialism, should it not be encouraging to us to put forth our best efforts?

BY MAXIM GORKY

Translated from Italian by Edmond Peluso

own, he, the leading star of the Earth, advances on the road of Life always forward and higher.

Of all weapons he only carries the Strength that Thought gives him. Free and proud, now swift as lightning and again calm and self-possessed, he climbs, aiming always higher and leaving behind him the vulgar.

But again he is lost in the middle of enigmas and the multitude of his mistakes, and he sinks under the weight of the heavy yoke with which the world oppresses both his brain and his heart.

Still, he goes on! The instincts now bellow in his breast. Self-respect murmurs and like a pauper slyly raises its voice. Passion and temptations surround his heart and cling to it like the ivy to a tree, drinking its warm blood. With all their strength they now howl for concessions, all mad to possess, all eager to get control of his soul. And the storms of the different minute things of life resemble the muddy road, full of reptiles on which he wanders.

Like the planets which revolve around the Sun, the creations of Man's inventive spirit surround him closely. Nearest to him the ever hungry Love; a little farther, the crippled Friendships; in front of them, the tired Hope, and behind, the despicable Hatred who angrily shakes the chains of Patience, her neighbor. But Faith, with her earnest brow gazes upon her face full of revolt and caresses her with her quieting hand.

All these passions and temptations, loaded with the burden of old creeds and intoxicated with the poison of Prejudices, walk hostile behind Thought. But like a crow behind an eagle they cannot follow his step. Still they dispute him the leadership, instead of uniting with him to form a light of power and creation.

standing near him, is Man's Eternal Companion, Death, ever dumb and mysterious, every ready to stop his heart throbbing with life.

Man well knows all these personages. They form his immortal cortege. Better, however, than any other he can distinguish Folly, for she is airy and powerful as a tornado, and she follows him obstinately with all the strength of her power until she gets hold of his Thought and tries to lure him into her wild dance.

And Man is aware how weak, imperfect and lame these creations of his inventive spirit are. Thought alone, he feels, is his friend, and the only one from whom he cannot be separated, for the flame of Thought illumines his way and on his march warns him against the obstacles, the enigmas of life, the dawn of mysteries of Nature, and the dark chaos of his heart.

Thought, the free companion of Man, with his cautious and keen eyes, watches diligently and lays everything ruthlessly bare to light: the tactics and stratagems of Love, her desire to humiliate and be humiliated, which ends in the vanquishing and fettering of the lover.

Behind Love lustfully stands the lascivious face of Sensuality. Still behind Thought can see the frightened, timorous Hope and her sister Impudence, apparently pretty but artificial and covered with living lies, yet always ready to confront and deceive with her sweet and melodious voice.

The gleam of Thought illumines the heart touched with Friendship, uncovers her cautious prudence, and exposes the cruel and vain Curiosity, the mischievous doings of Envy, coupled with the germs of Calumny. And when the beams of his searching light reach the Somber Hatred, whose mission is to annihilate the Earth, he detects her hasty flight.

Keeping on his search, Thought discovers the motionless Faith and the dictatorial Power with his unnatural thirst for limitless authority which tends to enslave all sentiments. Farther on he sees the claws of Fanaticism, whose eyes are so empty that they seem blind, and whose wings are heavy but powerless.

Finally, the light of Thought falls upon Death, and a terrible fight ensues. Death is repugnant to Thought. He finds her sterile, stupid and often unjust. If man is to end, why should he have been evolved out of an animal? Why should his life be accompanied by a multitude of Gods? Why should he be guarded by so many philosophical systems? Why should Science, the Key of the Enigmas of the world, be his companion? So, Thought, free and immortal, is opposed to this fight of Man.

Thought likens Death to the wandering rag-man, who gathers in his dirty sack all that has been used up, all that is rotten, all the detritus of the street, but who often robs that which is sound and strong.

Death, reeking with rotteness, stands forever before Man. She is wrapped up in a veil of horror and is as stern and dumb as a dark Enigma. But this newer Sun, Thought, a Creator so full of rash audacity, with an immortal soul, watches her and zealously studies her movements.

And in spite of the agitation of all these discoveries and of the painful darkness of the enigmas of Life, Man still marches on forward and higher, always forward and always higher.

Behold him now, for he is tired. He moans and wails, and his frightened heart, looking for Faith, implores the tender caresses of Love. Over him suddenly appear, flying with a sinister look and chirping a sad refrain, the three ugly and deformed offspring of Weakness: Despondency, Despair and Adversity. And they say:

"Who is weakly, worthless, and has a limited conscience, with no determination and power of thought, whatever he shall do, must die."

As Man is tired, he seeks rest, and he seeks it in his man with pain and his eyes shed tears of their power, while his heart breaks if determination does not compel him to revolt, then the fear of Death pushes him into the prison of Faith, while Love victoriously smiling, opens her charms to him, dissimulating in her promises of Happiness the sad powerlessness of being free and the sterile despotism of the instinct.

Hand in hand with Falsehood, the timid Hope sings the joys of rest, the sweet happiness of dreaming, and cradles with soft songs Man's sleeping spirit, and then pushes him into the arms of pleasant Idleness, to end finally in the clutches of its offspring, Wearisomeness.

Under the influence of his sentiments Man quaffs the cup filled with the agreeable poison of the cynic Falsehood, and when his heart and Falsehood points out to him he cannot see any other road but that which Thought, however is determined, and Man is dear to him; that is why he opens a mercenary fight with Falsehood and the battlefield is Man's heart. For Thought has seen Falsehood persecute Man, and, like a mite, she has gnawed his breast and brain. Worse than a tyrant she has tortured him squeezing his heart into insensibility, and by not quenching his thirst she has hastened his agony.

But Truth, the Wise Truth of Life, the offspring of Thought, has slowly come out of the darkness of the errors, like a flower in a fire, to guide him.

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THAT STYLE COMMITTEE

By Ernest Untermann

I enjoyed your dig at the "Committee on Style," which was instructed by the national convention to polish up the "style" of the platform, etc. I was opposed to such a committee, because I regarded it as a reflection upon the ability of the Platform Committee itself, and particularly that of the comrades who had drafted the various parts of the document. I was assured that it was to be merely a committee that would look after the proofreading, that the meaning of the document would not be changed, etc. But warned by former experiences I remained obstinate. I wanted "as much as any other comrade a platform, which should be correct in grammar. But, on the other hand, I have little sympathy with the "Purist" (Poorist would be a more fitting name for this microbe), because the English language less than any other has any consistent standard by which to weigh that is "pure" English and what is not. And where it is a question of personal taste (and that is what "Purism" amounts to, when simmered down), I am not willing to sink my own style in deference to any other comrade's. When the question of revision for style came up in the Platform Committee, I objected strongly to it, but was willing to go over the document with Comrade Ghent, for whose literary taste and acumen I have great respect. He and I did go over the Declaration of Principles together, after it had been adopted by the Platform Committee, and we agreed very amicably on some insignificant alterations. Imagine my surprise when the question was brought up once more in the convention, and a "Committee on Style" elected, which, as we know now, did not confine itself to proofreading, but also changed the meaning of the document, as accepted by the Platform Committee and the National Convention. There is certainly method in that persistent call for a "Committee on Style." Never mind, we'll see to it that this does not happen again. If I had not been unable to get the floor, I should certainly have continued my objection to this committee in the convention. But I could not get recognition from the chair, and so I had to let the matter rest.

THAT RELIGIOUS PLANK.
 For the same reason I was unable to express my opposition to the change of the religious plank from the "Program" to the "Declaration of Principles." It does not belong in the Declaration of Principles. In the Platform Committee, this plank was wisely placed where it belongs, among the tactical declarations of the program. As Wag correctly stated, I wrote the first draft of the Declaration. It was supplemented in the committee by a few additions from Hillquit's draft, to which I readily assented because they struck me as conforming to a Marxian conception of economic and political evolution. But I was opposed from the outset to any passage in these principles touching upon religious matters, because our Declaration of Principles, if touching upon this matter at all, should have frankly stated that we are historical materialists. But this was not a question of stating our A B C. It was a question of applying our materialist conception of history to social evolution in order to outline the economic and political reasons for the existence of a Socialist Party. I thought it wise, however, to have this plank in the "Program" in order to assure prospective members of the party that they would not be subjected to any religious test. How any one could imagine that this plank could be meant for a declaration that historical materialism should not be taught as a socialist principle from a socialist platform, I am unable to see. Lewis feared that it would be so construed, and I agreed with him that Carr and other Christian Socialists might do so. But by what rules of logic or dialectics they could successfully interpret it so, I was unable to see. At any rate, I saw no reason to strike this plank out of our program, merely on this account, for I know that ninety out of one hundred class-conscious proletarians will answer Carr and his friends with a horse laugh, if the Christian Socialists claim that the "teaching of atheism," that is, of historical materialism, should cease from a Socialist platform. This Christian Socialist position merely proves the utter ignorance of its advocates in the matter of the development of scientific Socialism, and it would be too great a concession to them to dignify their antics by a serious and formal reply. That this plank is not dictated by any desire to conceal important facts from the voters, is proved by all our scientific literature, all of which is based upon historical materialism or dialectic monism. It was simply a question of tactics, a question of reaching people not familiar with the A B C of Socialism by those facts which are most readily grasped and which people can grasp regardless of religious beliefs, the economic and political foundations of the Socialist Party. After they have learned this, we can talk to them about the "superstructure of religious and moral ideas," and explain to them the relation between these ideas and economics. But until their minds are ready for this teaching, until they, of their own accord, come to us for further information

upon these points, it would be unscientific, unmarxian, to approach them in the line of the greatest resistance. That is all the religious plank meant, and it was wise to have it in the program. But now, by a sudden reversal of everything agreed to in the Platform Committee, Hillquit's amendment shifts this plank over into the Declaration of Principles, where it does not belong, where it is a misstatement, where it breaks the continuity of the original thought, and where it may justly be interpreted as everything that Lewis feared. It should be stricken out of the Declaration of Principles and placed, in its original form, back into the program, where it tells the truth, and where it was, before the delegates beat for hours around the bush, only to come to a conclusion which places the whole question in the most ambiguous light. Hillquit's change of mind, and the change of front of Lewis, are both individual instances of the way in which the lack of Dietzgen's dialectics shows the inconsistency of narrowly Marxian reasoning. There is a gap between principles and tactics, which the strict historical materialism and its dialectics do not bridge, but which would easily be bridged by Dietzgen's comprehensive dialectics. Until this more far-reaching dialectics takes hold of the bright minds in our party, we shall always meet with such sudden changes of front as those just mentioned.

Yours for the Revolution,
 ERNEST UNTERMANN.

Editor's Note. In Untermann's last paragraph appears an opinion he expresses in his writings elsewhere, namely, that to hold a "Correct Theory of Cognition" will prevent an individual from errors of judgment. We hope he will attempt to establish this opinion in some future issue of "The Socialist."

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF WASHINGTON. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Tacoma, Wash., July 26, 1908.
 Regular meeting called to order at the usual time and place, with John Downie in chair; E. C. Johnson and T. F. Burns present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and on motion amended in the matter of dealing with Judge Riddle as the Party's attorney in all cases growing out of the present Primary law, to insert after the words "in all cases" the words "where the committee considers it wise and justifiable." So amended, the minutes were approved.

Accepted as M. A. L. were J. K. Snider, Frederick Brockhoff, both from Anacortes; Will Gamble, Frank S. Felter, both Rfd. Vancouver, and Robert Street, of Spanaway.

Charters were granted to comrades in Puyallup, Tenino, Mt. Vernon and Kelso.

Change of local's name in Bellingham, upon request of comrades there, was granted, and local henceforth will be known as Local Bellingham.

C. A. Riddle, of Seattle, the Party's attorney, reported upon the progress regarding the legal phase of the Party's situation in Whatcom county. The financial basis under which said C. A. Riddle agrees to conduct all cases for the Party assigned to him, and as stated by him in a letter dated July 25th, and addressed to the State Secretary, the committee concurred in, namely \$100 and \$10 for each full day said C. A. Riddle will be obliged to be absent from his office, and added to this necessary cost and expense. Further, upon motion, the chairman was given discretionary power in directing further proceedings.

Auditing Committee—Homer F. Bone, John Gullans and A. H. Barth—reported upon their work on the books of the State Secretary-Treasurer, finding a shortage of 20c on page 75 and an error of two cents in subtraction on page 81 in "Cash Receipt Book." Balance on hand should be \$485.91. Report accepted.

Secretary's report on Referendum "A," as submitted to membership, was approved.

Bills of Trustee Printing Company were ordered paid.

Secretary was authorized to employ Comrade W. H. Harris, of Centralia, as a trial for one month, but instructed to arrange matters so that his employment will not be in any way a financial burden upon the Party treasury.

In relation to D. Burgess several communications, stating grievances, complaints, etc., the State Secretary was instructed to submit to the committee at the next meeting a report in writing, said report to deal with all the various phases leading up to said alleged grievances and complaints.

Adjourned to meet on August 16, 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Fraternally submitted,
 RICHARD KRUEGER,
 State Secretary.

PHILIPPINES.

A bill has just been passed by the Parliament of the Philippine Islands declaring the 1st of May official Labor Day. This is a great triumph for the Filipino Proletarian, and it shows that results can be obtained by the perseverance and the intelligent cooperation of the workers.

Since 1903 the labor representatives in the Filipino Parliament have been working to get the adoption of this bill, and every time it was refused with the hypocritical excuse, given by the Reaction, that the Philippine Islands had already too many holidays to grant a new one. Lately, however, the Army Veterans having been allowed their day to be recognized as an official holiday, the workmen were aroused by such an injustice, and after a hot contest the Fenoy, Lerma bill, asking the Parliament to recognize the 1st of May as official Labor Day, was finally adopted, thanks to the efficient work of the small labor minority.

This should be an example for the older nations of the world to follow; it also shows once more how effective labor representation can be no matter how small it may be.
 FELUSO.

WASHINGTON PARTY NEWS

By Richard Krueger

Local Everett is the first to subscribe \$25 towards the "Red Special," and Comrade Robert Barton the first individual member to hand over his dollar for the same purpose. The special train cannot be started unless the National Secretary has the assurance that enough money will be subscribed. It takes \$20,000, everybody must get busy and especially locals along the proposed route. The train can stop long enough at stations where a crowd can be collected to allow Comrade Debs to practice rear platform speeches, the same as other Presidents of the United States have delivered.

The most flattering reports reach the State office from places visited by our speakers. Rainier, Yelm, Winlock, Chehalis and Porter have done nobly. Large crowds turned out everywhere and in consequence the collections taken in some instances surpassed the amount for expenses. Some comrades wonder how they may meet the expenses, thinking of their own empty pockets, and then decide to dispense with meetings altogether. These comrades and locals overlook the fact that it is the public which must foot the bills. Through a systematic advertising, crowds can be made to attend our meetings, and the speakers will then do the rest.

At a recent street meeting in Tenino a "silk-hat defender" of capitalism called Com. Hillquit a bet of \$40 proposing to successfully refute some of his statements. Herman could not be thus bluffed. He promptly accepted the wager. Needless to say that the capitalist gave away to the proletarian. Nevertheless this little incident proves some things at least. Either Comrade Herman had the forty dollars in his pocket (doubtful, though, by everyone who knows Herman), or he was simply bluffing, but made it stick.

Henceforth the members admitted by locals, total number of members paid up to date and total membership of locals will be published, together with State Secretary's financial reports. It is evident that local secretaries' monthly reports must be the basis for these publications. If this will not serve any other purpose: the members of a local may know whether or not their respective secretaries attend to their duties, and thus give them an opportunity to prod them along. Note—Monthly reports, together with the dues for the preceding month, must reach the State Secretary not later than the eighth day of each month.

As a result from the Chehalis meeting, Comrade Herman sent an application for charter from there. To the Centralia comrades credit is due for the success in Chehalis. They arranged for the meeting and chartered a "special" in order to attend. Report does not say whether horses or servants furnished the locomotive power. There are no walls around Centralia, and the comrades of that town surely show the right kind of Socialist spirit to go out in the byways and highways, also, besides doing excellent work in Centralia.

Local secretaries will kindly send in at once a list of comrades now holding political positions, including those who have been elected and served in any public office in the past. This is necessary at once for the campaign book to be issued from the National office.

The "Red Special" will leave Portland on the morning of September 15th, arriving in Seattle in time for the great Socialist rally in the evening, and on the following day, September 16th, Comrade Debs will speak in Spokane. As plans are outlined now, probably four stops will be made on each day along the line of travel, permitting of short address to be made. Locals along the proposed routes, if they want a stop at their respective towns, must get a hustle onto themselves and do like local Everett has done already.

Just now word reaches the State Office that the Port Angeles comrades are circulating lists for the purpose of raising funds for the special train, though they know it is an utter impossibility for the special train to stop in Port Angeles.

J. B. Osborne's dates are as follows: July 30th and 31st, Georgetown; August 1st, en route; August 2nd, Friday Harbor; August 3rd, en route; August 4th, Anacortes; August 5th, Mt. Vernon; August 6th, Snohomish; August 7th, Edmonds; August 8th, Everett; August 9th, Silvana; August 10th, Georgetown; August 12th, Tenino; August 13th, Centralia; August 14th, Chehalis; August 15th, Little Rock; August 16th, Delphi.

National Organizer Dan A. White will enter the State on August 21st, coming from Northwestern Idaho. He will only fill fifteen dates, and possibly some locals will meet with a disappointment. Direct applications for him are not many, nevertheless more than twenty dates can easily be filled and locals who formerly have accepted speakers from the State office must of necessity be the first to be considered now.

Comrade W. H. Harris, of Centralia, will be employed as an advance agent for speakers, and will work principally in Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. This step is necessary by reason of a large territory in these counties not yet organized; especially is this true of northern Whatcom county. Comrade Harris' income or support must solely come from the sale of literature and also from his commission on subscriptions to Socialist papers. All possible support should be given the comrade. The value of such work as he is intended to carry out can only be appreciated by a few.

R. KRUEGER,
 State Secretary-Treasurer Socialist Party of Washington, 2305 1/2 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

One hundred thousand leaflets, headed "Think first and then act," published for distribution among the Swedish soldiers, have been confiscated. This leaflet contained Conf. Toistoy's admonition advising soldiers not to shoot comrades of their own class.

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'PATHETICALLY CONSERVATIVE'

Samuel E. Moffett, in "Collier's," July 25, says: "The Democratic platform represents the views of Bryan, so far as he thinks it expedient to put them forward now."

DEMOCRATIC INJUNCTION PLANK

In reply to numerous inquiries as to what I think of the alleged anti-injunction plank of the Democratic party, I have to say, that it is a delusion and a snare, a fraud and a false pretense, without the shadow of an element to redeem it from condemnation.

Have your Local order a bundle of a thousand next week and the week after and the week after that and see how fast Socialist sentiment grows in your town.

WASHINGTON

Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report for July.

Arlington, dues, \$4.95. Aberdeen, No. 1, campaign fund, \$6.65. Aberdeen, No. 2, dues, \$5.25.

Miscellaneous. N. Vorhees, \$5.00. T. F. Burns, campaign fund, \$2.00. R. Krueger, campaign fund, \$8.00.

Recapitulation. Total receipts for July, \$1,085.24. Total expenditures for July, \$40.87.

Oh, yes! That offer to send a bundle of Five Hundred or more at the rate of \$6.00 per Thousand is still open.

THE BLANKET STIFF

V. Conclusion

What I have written must have a conclusion. This article brings it. Is the blanket stiff a model of depravity, just fit for all good citizens to carefully avoid?

What can save the blanket stiff? SOCIALISM. From a general point of view Socialism means the overthrow of those general facts of which the exploitation of the blanket stiff are but specific instances.

As a Socialist he will have two strong arms, a political one and an economical one. They will both be parts of the one body. In his Socialist ideas he will find the inspiration necessary to overcome the real difficulties which the unionizing of unskilled laborers of unsteady occupation must go together with.

DAN WHITE IN WASHINGTON. Dan A. White, of Mass., under appointment as National Lecturer, will enter the State of Washington on Friday, Aug. 1, and continue according to the schedule given below.

THE WOMAN

In view of the fact that we have been asked so many times for our plan of woman's organization here in Seattle, the following constitution adopted by the Woman's Socialist Educational Club may be of interest.

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Woman's Socialist Educational Club of Seattle. Article 2—Officers. Section 1. The officers of this club shall be an Organizer, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Literature Agent.

Section 1. This club shall hold meetings once a week at 7:30 p. m., the first hour to be devoted to business and the second to educational work. The Chairman of business meeting shall be elected at each meeting.

Section 1. All women are eligible to membership in this organization. Section 2. Members shall be admitted on majority vote of the club.

A meeting of the State Committee on Women's Work has been called for Sunday, August 9th. This meeting will have to be changed until the 16th, as that is the next date for the meeting of the State Executive Committee, and it is advisable that the Women's Committee hold its meeting at the same time in order to present the plans of that committee before the Executive Committee for correction or approval.

THE RIGHT SORT. Tacoma, Wash., July 29, 1908. Comrade Ault: This letter I received from a comrade to whom, like many others, I sent a letter urging them to join the Party.

"RED SPECIAL" ASSURED

The National Committee adopted the motion providing for the "Red Special," upon which the vote closed July 28, yes 50, no 9, not voting 9. This is the largest vote ever recorded by the National Committee on any subject.

COMMENTS. The "Special" I think is a bright idea. It will arrest the attention of the busy multitude and cause thousands to investigate Socialism who could not be reached in any other way.

The idea of the Red Special is an inspiration. It will concentrate on us the attention of the country, and help us very much.—Strobell, Newark, N. J.

I certainly approve of the plan to run the Socialist Special. Never have the Socialists of this country made a serious effort to reap the harvest of their labors and I think the "Red Special" is one of the best modern implements with which to do the job.

SOCIALIST PLATFORM OF WASH.

The Socialist Party of the State of Washington endorses the Principles of International Socialism and of the Socialist Party of the United States. For the campaign of 1908 we present to the voters of this state the following declarations of our principles and program:

- 1. The Socialist Party is primarily the party of the Proletariat. 2. We recognize the Class Struggle between the Proletarian Class and the Capitalist Class as the supreme fact of modern civilization. 3. We recognize this struggle as a struggle for the possession of the world's wealth and for all the benefits of human progress.