

"Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be produced by their creators and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that all opportunities shall be open and equal to all men."

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WIFE AND BABES HUNGRY, FATHER JUMPS TO DEATH

Chicago, April 1.—"Mamma, be as good to the next man as you have to me, and take care of the babies."—Frank C. Clark.

Heartbroken and almost fainting, Mrs. Clark sobbed before the coroner's jury today and told the story of this little note as the sole legacy her husband had left her and their two babies when he leaped to his death from their fourth floor apartment at Forty-first street and St. Lawrence avenue.

Mrs. Clark collapsed at the inquest and Policeman John Dunning broke

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ELLIS OF OHIO DELIVERS IMPASSIONED SPEECH

Lays Down New Policy for Republican Party Before Foraker Club—Warns His Hearers Against Socialism—Echo of Mark Hanna's Prophecy.

At Youngstown, Ohio, before the Foraker Club, Wade H. Ellis, Republican, Attorney General of the State, made what the Cincinnati "Inquirer" calls an impassioned speech, in behalf of the "Genius of American Freedom."

He too warned his hearers that "beyond concentration by Socialism; that 'behind neglect of Government control was Government Ownership' and 'lover against destruction of individualism was the evil of Communism.'"

It is too late to scare-crow the Working Class with such outcries, but the Business Class is genuinely frightened already.

Mr. Ellis said: "There is an appeal from every quarter of the land for individual liberty in commercial and industrial life." He means, of course, the Business Class, the Middle Class that he stands for.

Poor old fashioned Middle Class America was once its home, the land of the free farmer and the home of the brave pioneer. But those good

LABOR UNION LAW IN OHIO

In Ohio a statute known as the Valentine law is a great deal broader in its scope than the average man realizes. Undoubtedly under its provisions labor unions as well as any other association that has for its ob-



scemed and lifted her husband's body.

Fall Had Broken Neck.

Neighbors, aroused by her shrieks, went to her side. The man's neck had been broken by the fall. Save for a wound on the face, he was otherwise unharmed. Police aid was called. The coroner's jury pronounced the death suicide.

Clark was in arrears for dues to his union. He had worried over the loss of his position and the family had no friends close enough to appeal to for aid. Rent for the flat is due tomorrow. There was not a morsel of food in the house today.

If Mrs. Clark can raise funds, she will have her husband buried at Palmyra, Mo., her former home. He came from Texas, and the family has not been long in Chicago.

SCANT RESPONSE TO WIDOW'S APPEAL

Peniless and still suffering from the shock of her husband's tragic death, the frail young widow of Frank Clark, who leaped to his death from the porch of his home, 24 Forty-third street, has returned to Chicago to begin her struggle to support herself and her two infant children.

The appeal met with scant response, and after a day's heart-breaking effort the widow returned to the home where her husband had died almost discouraged.

She will attempt again today to secure the balance of the required amount.

The young widow and her children were left in absolute destitution by the death of the husband and father, friends contributed enough to enable her to attend her husband's funeral, while a kindly undertaker agreed to bury the body for the payment of the burial expenses.

Remember this woman is one of ten hundred like him, protesting that the laws of nature and the process of evolution shall not go on.

We Socialists can afford to be patient and even pitying as these new gladiators enter the arena with the ancient death song on their lips. "Morituri Salutamus," we who are about to die salute you!

UNITED STATES COULD FEED BILLIONS

Here is a quotation from one of the daily papers which tells the exact truth:

The United States of America COULD feed and keep in the greatest possible comfort two to three THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS of human beings.

Why then, it is impossible to keep less than 100 millions in even moderate comfort in the greatest possible comfort? Think, friends, you might be living in the greatest possible comfort!

Why not? Only because you workmen keep the old party trick of sending telegrams and letters to the Socialist Party, put your own men in all the office work, and at once put yourselves and families in the greatest possible comfort.

Why will you not do it?

WHAT THESE EDUCATED BABOON, COCO, PET OF N. Y. SOCIETY

Both Taken from the Daily Pictures Mean Papars of Chicago.

You are hot to see this contrast! To see on one hand a man commit suicide because he can't find work to support his wife and children on the other, a baboon dressed in a silk hat and fine clothes, petted and fed by those ladies who don't know what to do with money.

Yes, you are hot. But why is it thus? Why are wage workers living on such a narrow margin that even four days without work leave them penniless?

For poor Clark is not alone. He may have been weaker and more of a coward. But there are millions in America working for wages who could not stand 3 months' illness at the very most. Not "our" things in such an awful condition?

It is very simple, so simple you will forget it when we tell it to you.

There is more than one man for every job in the United States. That is the reason men get no more than just enough to keep them from day to day.

More men than jobs always means that they will compete for the jobs so sharply that some one will work for just enough to keep body and soul together. That is simple is it not? Now another WHY?

Why are there always more men than jobs?

This is just as simple as the other. There are always more men than jobs because machines do the world's work with less cost.

Every year the machines get bigger and better; that is, they turn out more stuff than they did before and they need fewer men to keep going.

So what about it, get the barest living for your wife and the men out of the jobs get more and more numerous. That is the way it is all over the modern world, or that part which is civilized, which means that part which uses machinery instead of hand tools. The Japanese are civilized because they carry on war by machinery, while the Chinese are not civilized, because they have not introduced machinery.

Sum it up now. Machinery does without men. Men are therefore more plenty than jobs. Hence men can't get the jobs. That is the reason poor Clark the suicide, could not pay for his rent or get food for his baby and wife. That is why that wife cannot get the jobs. That is the reason all of our women and girls go to the bad, because there is no other way.

It is hell, it is hell. And what do Socialists propose to do about it?

This! This means that we get possession of this splendid modern machinery which makes many things so fast and so easy, and let everybody use it and make enough for all to be well off. If they can't get the machinery into our hands? By uniting all workingmen's votes and so getting possession of the government for ourselves. Then we shall have the power in our own hands and nothing can or shall hinder us from stopping this present robbery and putting an end to such dreadful contrivances as these two pictures.

ROCKEFELLER FIRST BILLIONAIRE

John D. Rockefeller, billionaire? Yes, if he lives a few years, and continues the exact same prudent prudence combined with his pasty whiter he will write his fortune down as \$1,000,000,000, and will figure as one of the richest men in the world. Experts compute his wealth today at more than \$600,000,000, and the cautious of the currencies are controlled by him at more than \$500,000,000.

Oil, steel, railroads, banks and trust companies have not been equal to the task of providing occupation sufficient for the last multiplying Rockefeller millions. Important items of the Rockefeller are holding of real estate and mortgages and Government and municipal bonds. They are so vast that the business leading to them would take one to every part of the United States and across the Atlantic. His beneficent attention has been bestowed also by big insurance companies, steamship lines, telegraph and telephone companies and other things too numerous to mention. The Rockefeller family, these widespread interests, account all the difficult to figure out that John D. Rockefeller is already possessed of

BRANLYN REAL FEAR AND TROUBLE

Mr. Bryan puts on the front page of "The Commoner" with a cartoon, Dutch Hills.

The saddest words that have been written in this generation were spoken by a young man who is to inherit one of the greatest fortunes in this country. They were spoken in the presence of the trusts. Listen to them.

"The American Bourse can be produced in all its splendor only by sacrificing the early birds that grow up around it." The rose has 1,000 buds and in order to produce the American Bourse the gardener goes around it with a knife and snips 999 in order that all the strength and beauty may be forced into one bloom. In his economic argument, this young



The educated baboon, who met New York society at a dinner given him last week by Harry S. Black, was a great sensation in London and on the continent of Europe, where he first came before the public as a pantomime performer six months ago. At the Palace theatre, in London, where he was the star-for several years, a pantomime dressing room was erected for him near the stage, so that he would not be disturbed by the cricketer elephants or the magic ducks. After his turn on the stage Coco entered a box reserved for him and held receptions between the acts. Some of his leisure time was spent driving in the parks in a brougham.—From Chicago "Tribune."

JESSIE HOPKINS' MARRIED LIFE

Mrs. Jessie A. Hopkins was tried in Chicago this spring, for the murder of her husband. She was a beautiful girl of 19 when she was married 10 years ago. How it happened? Perhaps there is something to be learned from the married life of this poor woman and her ill-fated husband.

In her statement before the coroner's jury she said the very next day after the wedding she went to work in the same printing office where he was employed and up to the time of the tragedy she never missed a day, working from 7 o'clock in the morning until 5:30 at night. The romance that makes the sweetness and light of married life was put aside for serious things almost before it was born.

The prisoner declares that her husband was loving and quarrelsome by turns. No doubt this is true. The passion of concentration, the relief of new scenes, new thoughts, new companionships. In such a life as Mrs. Hopkins has described there could have been little of this for either of them. All forces seem to have joined to crush them together day after day without intermission.

What is the cause of crime? Such poverty as this destroys thousands of homes. Yet they tell us Socialism will destroy the home.

Suppose this woman had been provided with wealth enough to have had any allowance for the appreciation of the arts, all this misery and crime would have been spared.

What, then, that wealth for all, is what Socialism will give. Do you want it?

RAILROADS THE REAL MOTHER OF BIG TRUSTS, SAYS PROUTY

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty Before Union League Club of Chicago—Only One Way to Prevent Falling Into Hands of Jeered-at Socialists.

Mr. C. A. Prouty of Vermont is Interstate Commerce Commissioner of the United States. He came all the way from Vermont to Chicago to make a great speech before the Union League Club. There is not one thing which enters into every article of luxury and every article of necessity like the railway rate.

He said the real Socialism, the man who was hastening Socialism more than any other, was the Railroad magnate, who holds his property to be above all regulation. He gave some valuable condensed statistics.

"There are six systems that control substantially 120,000 miles of railway. They control a total of 114,000 miles of railroad out of a total in the United States of 205,000 miles. The gross revenues in round numbers of all the roads in the United States is twelve billions of dollars, of which these systems embrace eight billions of dollars.

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THE REAL SOCIALIST'S VIEW OF THE BUSINESS MEN

man brutally tells the working classes that 99 out of 100 men must be snuffed out of existence in order to have American Business, the trust, may be produced.

The Small Business Men, always the Small Business Men, as H. They constituted the Working Classes. The real Working Class, the Wage Workers, are not troubled about the trust. Their wages are rather better under the trust. The Steel Trust re- They may be sorry for them, but they But the Small Business Man can't afford to do that.

The New Democracy, the Bryan and Hearst sort of "Socialism," is also-gether concerned about the Business Men. They may be sorry for them, but they know there is no help for them. They have had their day.

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THE HERMIT SOCIALISTS OF WISCONSIN

BY ERWIN B. AULT, Staff Correspondent of "The Socialist."

It is needless to again state the reasons for the present interest of the party members of the County in the condition of the organization in Milwaukee; suffice to state that I was assigned by The Socialist to visit that city and secure an accurate report of the party affairs there.

On arriving in Milwaukee late in the evening of Thursday, April 20, I went direct to a hotel. Early Friday morning I visited Social-Democratic headquarters, and after a short stay explained my presence in the city. I was received courteously, but no effort was made to assist me. The conversation with those in the office showed that they were as firmly convinced that in supporting a capitalist candidate they had acted entirely within their rights as party members and strictly in line with "International Socialist practice."

Splendid Isolation. This view, I find, is generally accepted by the members of the party in Wisconsin, and that the "splendid isolation" indulged in by the organization in that state—an isolation that three National Secretaries have thus far not succeeded in overcoming. Out of Touch with American Socialism.

And this is the most remarkable fact in connection with the trouble in Wisconsin—this isolation. It is apparent in the ignorance of the growth of the party in other places; but general, even the officers of the party being in the dark as to the strength in other states. It is without doubt this one fact that has been the cause, more than anything else, of the Milwaukee Socialists acting as they have.

It will be better understood how complete this isolation is when it is known that party papers other than those published in the city have almost no circulation. I was many times questioned as to the character of "The Worker," The Socialist, and other party papers of general circulation and did not find one subscriber to either paper. Living thus, as they do, in their own little world, it is not surprising that they are not even in touch with the Milwaukee comrades should have an exaggerated sense of their own position and importance to the movement.

Some Who Disagree. But all in Milwaukee are not satisfied. There are some who desired to nominate candidates for the positions of National Secretary and they fought bitterly against allowing any member of the party to vote for a capitalist candidate after the party had decided not to nominate. The matter was brought up early in the year by the motion of a delegate to the City Central Committee to nominate candidates for judges in the spring election and created a storm, as the proposed candidates were generally that no candidates were to be nominated, the ostensible reasons being lack of funds to prosecute the campaign and lack of energy on the part of the party. We further charge Comrade Berger with using his offices of National Committeeman and editor of the "Vorwarts" in unfairly influencing the referendum vote regarding entering this campaign.

Storm of Outcries. There arose immediately a storm of protest and hisses and it was so long before those presenting the resolution could be heard in its defense and then but one was allowed to speak, and he in a short time, after the motion was almost unanimously defeated and four of the delegates

ANOTHER MILWAUKEE COMPROMISE

Milwaukee, March 21st, 1905.

You are aware that on the 18th day of February, 1905, at a regular meeting of the Milwaukee Social-Democratic Party a resolution was adopted by a very large majority permitting each delegate to participate in the National election which takes place on the 15th of April, 1905, for our own and by the constitution are permitted, under such circumstances as may be determined by the party, to vote for any candidate. This resolution is followed in Germany and other European countries, THE HERMIT, TOLEDO, OHIO, APRIL 29, 1905. The resolution of the present National Executive Committee, which is the "National Executive Committee" is running for Circuit Court Judge in opposition to Judge Bailey and Mr. Schwelmer and it is our duty to also, his own or other organized body. We must be true to our own principles and not let us be misled by the promises of any man, but under the present circumstances, it is our duty to vote for the candidate who is best qualified to discharge the duties of the office. We will resist our goal by every means at our disposal and we will be sure to follow our comrades and others who you to.

Practically The Fields WELSH OF ANAHEIM, CALIF. MEMBER OF N.Y.P.D. and Vice Branch.

gates left the hall, afterwards resigning on the part of the party. This is but one of a number of errors made by the Milwaukee comrades on account of their ignorance of the party and the tactics pursued by its own state and national issues of The Socialist it may be found necessary to present them to the Socialists of the county.

Heath Is Hot. It may be well to state here that in an interview with Comrade Heath, editor of the "Social-Democratic Herald," I was told that a case in Milwaukee to make out a case against the Milwaukee movement, and he suggested that I visit the gas company of that city since I had visited those comrades who had resigned from the party. I did not find it necessary to visit the gas company but would not have hesitated to do so if circumstances had so directed. Comrade Heath seemed to resent the presence of a representative of the "Social-Democratic Herald" and suggested that this paper was "looking for trouble," stating that "we prefer to fight capitalism, but if you jump on us you will find us all a C. B. AULT.

DISINFECTANT COLUMN

(From Berger's paper, last issue.) The Socialist was 248 votes in this year against 169 last time. Toledo is the home of Mally's newspaper and the big increase is credited to the quality of the article it preached. This is all news in Toledo, where no city election has been held for nearly two years and where the Debs vote last fall was about 2,400.

(From Berger's paper, last issue.) No one looking at The Socialist of Toledo, of April 15, will any longer have any doubts as to the lack of the attacks on Wisconsin. A full page screamer with yellow-journalistic headlines show that personal, rather than party, spirit are back of the frenzied attack.

Our headline read, "Berger Threatens to Start a New Party." The only question is, Is that statement true? Did not Berger threaten to start a National Social-Democratic Party upon the basis of state autonomy if Wisconsin was not left to manage its own affairs without any outside interference? He even made the same threat in the meeting of the National Executive Committee held last week in Chicago, declaring there would be three Social-Democratic U. S. if Wisconsin was not let alone.

What personal "motives" does it show to point out these facts? (From Berger's paper, last issue.)

In his efforts to make the party suspicious to say of Comrade Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Dr. Titus tells of the terrible fact that Comrade Berger is writing for the New York Journal on Socialism, spoke of the party as the Social-Democratic Party, Terrible! Titus says this helps to show that the National party is a hatching, wasteful and yet it is all purely a scare. The national party in New York is known as the Social-Democratic Party, and it is in the New York Journal call it so!

Yes, we agree it is probably "all purely a scare" on Berger's part. No other National party, but the State party, is known in New York as the Social Democratic Party. There is no National Social Democratic Party. The only National party of Socialists is the National Socialist Party, which is located in New York. It is known as the Social-Democratic Party of New York, not "The Socialist Party."

That portion of the National Socialist Party, which is located in New York, is known as the Social-Democratic Party of New York, not "The Socialist Party." It is known as the Social-Democratic Party of New York, not "The Socialist Party."

(From Berger's paper, last issue.) Getting its cue from copies of Titus' paper, and its mischief making scare heads, copies of which were sent into Wisconsin in the hope of causing internal strife here, the Milwaukee Sentinel (corporation capitalist) last Monday came out with big headlines stating that there was a split imminent in the national organization of the Socialists. Heresy hunters in our movement can hang their hats on anything that will give them a pretext for no law, as yet, by which a flourishing local movement can be protected from the malicious dispersion in its midst of dissidents aimed to foment dissension, and inspired by jealousy and personal rancor. Membership in the national organization ought to protect a local movement from such outside intrigues. That "mischief making scare head"

was the simple statement: "Berger Threatens to Start a New Party." And did he not so threaten? And is the Wisconsin Socialist movement ashamed to be put on exhibition as it is hereby in Wisconsin to read the Socialist paper not published in Wisconsin? Come out into the light, Social Democrats of Wisconsin. Tell us where your Locals are, and how many of them there are. We know of no more devoted Socialists than Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Herron. But such a flippant, haphazard, and baseless as the above will injure neither The Socialist nor the Herrons.

The Socialist has not a dollar of Mr. Herron's money to depend on. We should be glad if we had. We know of no more devoted Socialists than Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Herron. But such a flippant, haphazard, and baseless as the above will injure neither The Socialist nor the Herrons.

The really funny thing about the Gerrard report on the best trust was that there were some people who expected something different.

THE BERGER COMPROMISE TO DATE

The chief defense Comrade Berger and his Milwaukee supporters now make for advising Socialists to support a capitalist candidate, is to quote alleged foreign examples. The Socialists in Germany, Italy, France, have always done such things, so it is claimed by Berger, in making such a case. If you look at it, we in Milwaukee are quite in line with universal international tactics.

Berger in his latest defense even quotes Marx and Liebknecht, but is careful to go back to history for his quotation from Marx and to 1881 for Liebknecht's words, though the latter wrote his "No Compromise" nearly 20 years later.

It really doesn't matter to what they did or do in Europe. Our only question is, What does our own constitution declare? On this point, there has been an attempt made by the defenders of Berger to ignore the provisions which have been violated and to quote one which has no claim that it favors the capitalist candidate. That is not at all the clause in the constitution which we claim is violated and it is quite beside the point to discuss that clause.

The clause which was violated in the very letter was what we quoted last week in these words—"and in no case shall any organization shall under any circumstances compromise with any other political organization."

Now there can be no question that Local Milwaukee is responsible for Comrade Berger and for its own Central Committee, both of whom sanctioned the advice to support the capitalist candidate. Berger and the Central Committee certainly "compromised" with the organization supporting Waller, just as Comrade Freely in the letter herewith reproduced in fact simile, compromised with the supporters of another judge.

Hence we believe the very letter of our constitution was violated, as the title implies. You are all agreed upon that. But let us see about the International Practice. In order to be wholly free from the charge of ignorance, "The Socialist" has secured the opinion of one whose competence cannot be questioned.

Perhaps no Socialist in this country is so well informed on the International Socialist movement as Comrade Dr. S. Ingerman, of New York. He has had an intimate and direct acquaintance with the European Socialist parties in their respective countries, is thoroughly familiar with their aims and leaders and keeps in close touch with the party activity in all parts of Europe.

For this reason The Socialist asked for information from Comrade Ingerman as to the use of the word "compromise" as it is used by the Socialists of the west, among whom he has heretofore been too busy to visit.

"There is no possible analogy between the Berger case and the 'Second Ballot' in Germany. The American and German Socialists are not in the same position. One thing is sure, the German Social Democracy never made a compromise with the bourgeoisie as a proletarian party in fusing in any way with any of the opposition parties. And here lies the main peril. If conditions in Germany can be compared with conditions in this country, all we have to consider the German first (or main) ballot only, where the strength of the parties is seen, where the line of class struggle is clearly drawn and is clearly defined."

And now about the so-called "Second Ballot" in Germany. It is a short party elects a candidate to office. If any one of the candidates of the different parties is elected, the party in the majority, the two most successful have to enter another campaign. The two most successful have to enter another campaign. The two most successful have to enter another campaign.

HOW THE MATTER NOW STANDS.

The atmosphere has been cleared by some motions of the National Committee. The atmosphere has been cleared by some motions of the National Committee. The atmosphere has been cleared by some motions of the National Committee.

But two new motions are now before the National Committee, but dependent on the result of this investigation. We print them here. The first is proposed by the three National Committeemen from New York, Hillquit, Bowler and Spargo. It will state, and it is intended to serve as the party action in the Berger case. It expresses an opinion adverse to the action of Comrade Berger, but it suggests no penalty.

If the Hillquit resolution were to be all the action taken by the Socialist Party in the Berger case, it would be a good thing for the party. The Hillquit himself, to do exactly what Berger has done, and all that would happen to him, would be the National Committee would pass more disapproving resolutions.

In the face of Berger's persistent defense of his action, in the face of his threat to start a new party if he is not let alone, in the face of his numerous promises to get forward in such cases, in the face of his boasting proclamation of his Opportunist and ridicule of the "reactionary phrase," and in view of his conspicuous position in the party and his self-proclaimed knowledge of Socialism, it seems to us that to leave him on the Executive Committee of the Party, will strike a blow at our Party self-respect, which will paralyze and cause complete dissolution.

THE LAND OF THE MATH AND LEGEND

By HENRY L. SLOBODIN of New York.

The newspapers published recently a dispatch announcing that Georgia, a Russian province in Transcaucasia, was in a state of insurrection, which called for the proclamation of martial law. The things that are happening there will, I think, be of interest to American Socialists. They sound romantic and are worth telling.

Few Americans know anything at all of Georgia of today. Most of them have heard a great deal of what was going on there 5,000 years ago. For it is the land of Golden Colchis whither the Argonauts directed their adventurous quest, and from which Jason carried off the golden fleece. There came the fire-breathing bulls of Valcan turned the furrows into which women sowed the serpent's teeth and reaped a harvest of armed men. Into this sowed the serpent's teeth from Olympus the primitive race of Pelagi. There, on an island off the coast, was located by the poets the palace of Aurora where in were kept up the perpetual dances and songs of the hours, and where the sun was daily reborn. Such was Georgia when the world was in its infancy. How about Georgia of today?

The Socialist propaganda, in making its rounds among the peoples of the world, rousing them with the call: "Awake! Arise! The day is breaking!" has also come to Gouri, a district in the province of Georgia, Transcaucasia. How the call was heard by the peasants and how it answered it is a story, worthy of some romancer. I can give only bare facts.

Among the tribes of Gouri we find the purest type of the Caucasian race. Tall and slender of stature, with raven black hair and burning, caressing eyes, the men of Gouri have become famous for their skill as did all others of his tribe for their beauty. The Georgians date their history back to the year 2460 B. C. and were record-keepers long before the Greeks. They are a people of many poets and romancers. But since the last, hundred years the Russian tyrant held Georgia under his iron yoke and, while he did not break the spirit of the Georgians, he impoverished them as he did all others of his tribe. The peasants of Gouri are a people of many poets and romancers. But since the last, hundred years the Russian tyrant held Georgia under his iron yoke and, while he did not break the spirit of the Georgians, he impoverished them as he did all others of his tribe. The peasants of Gouri are a people of many poets and romancers. But since the last, hundred years the Russian tyrant held Georgia under his iron yoke and, while he did not break the spirit of the Georgians, he impoverished them as he did all others of his tribe.

The Social Democratic propaganda reached Gouri about three years ago. The story of the conversion of Gouri peasants to Socialism sounds like one of the legends of Christianity. The whole population accepted Socialism almost as a revelation and Marx, Engels and Lassalle are spoken of by the peasants as saints. The peasants organized into Social-Democratic circles and do not belong to the party is considered a disgrace. So, for instance, a village of 90 families has ten Social Democratic circles with ten members each. The Turks are now being organized and the committee expects to organize shortly about 300 circles. The Social Democratic circles are the highest authority in the district. The civil courts have not tried one case during the last two years. The village administrators their affairs through elected bodies on which the Social Democratic Committee is represented by a delegate. The peasants are not allowed to own land. The second time, the culprit is placed in a property and public and his wife and children are put in the stocks. The Social Democratic Committee endeavors to ameliorate the stern measures of the law. In this it meets with the approval of the people. Only January a police captain was punished by assassination. The committee has succeeded in substituting exile for death as a penalty. The police is criminal nature. It has to be very judicious in its decisions. The committee is the highest recognized authority in all disputes and suits of crime or partition and other suits. The obligations to the party are held sacred. Very frequently will parents refuse their consent or blessing (a person reaches majority at 17) if the groom or bride cannot prove membership in the party.

Owing to the lack of strict police supervision in the rural districts, the propaganda is carried on quite openly. Mass meetings with an audience of 5,000 are a frequent occurrence. The women and even grown up children participate and have an equal vote in the meetings. The committee made a census of the population of Gouri. Gouri is divided into seven districts regular and obligatory, but are very low owing to the poverty of the peasants. The dues of the very poor are remitted, but of that very few take advantage.

The priests have not been with the peasants from the start. It is interesting to know the peasants dealt with their recalcitrant "fathers." They simply ignored the priests. Marriages were merely publicly announced and burial rites were solemnly gone through without the presence of a priest. A priest who insisted on collecting from the poor was severely beaten. No suit: A convention of the priests was recently held in Gouri. The committee on which side his bread is buttered.

The "intellectual" propagandists are few, and considering the lack of literature—there being but little in the native language—the Socialist "epic" among the peasants of Gouri in Transcaucasia is one of the most "romantic" in the history of the world. It is a story of the life of a man who may bring change and the peasants of Gouri may wander from their new faith, but they have added another grain to the hope and belief that the bread winners of the world will not always remain deaf to the morning call of Socialism.

Socialist Party should participate in nominations of candidates in any election, national, state and local elections, that is, the duty of all true Socialists wherever and whenever possible and lists to abstain from participation in any election for all offices to be filled at such elections.

Under no circumstances should it join or associate with any other party, or support a candidate for office or any other political party.

TOWNER'S MOTION TO THE POINT.

We need say little of the Towner motion found below. It seems to us that no man can be done to express the disapproval by the Party of the action of Comrade Berger. It is a motion to the point of order. It is a motion to the point of order. It is a motion to the point of order.

From all that we can learn of the Party feeling on this matter, it is altogether probable that both motions in the National Committee will carry and the Party Referendum will be held. The members of the Party are urged to vote for both motions. It is a motion to the point of order. It is a motion to the point of order. It is a motion to the point of order.

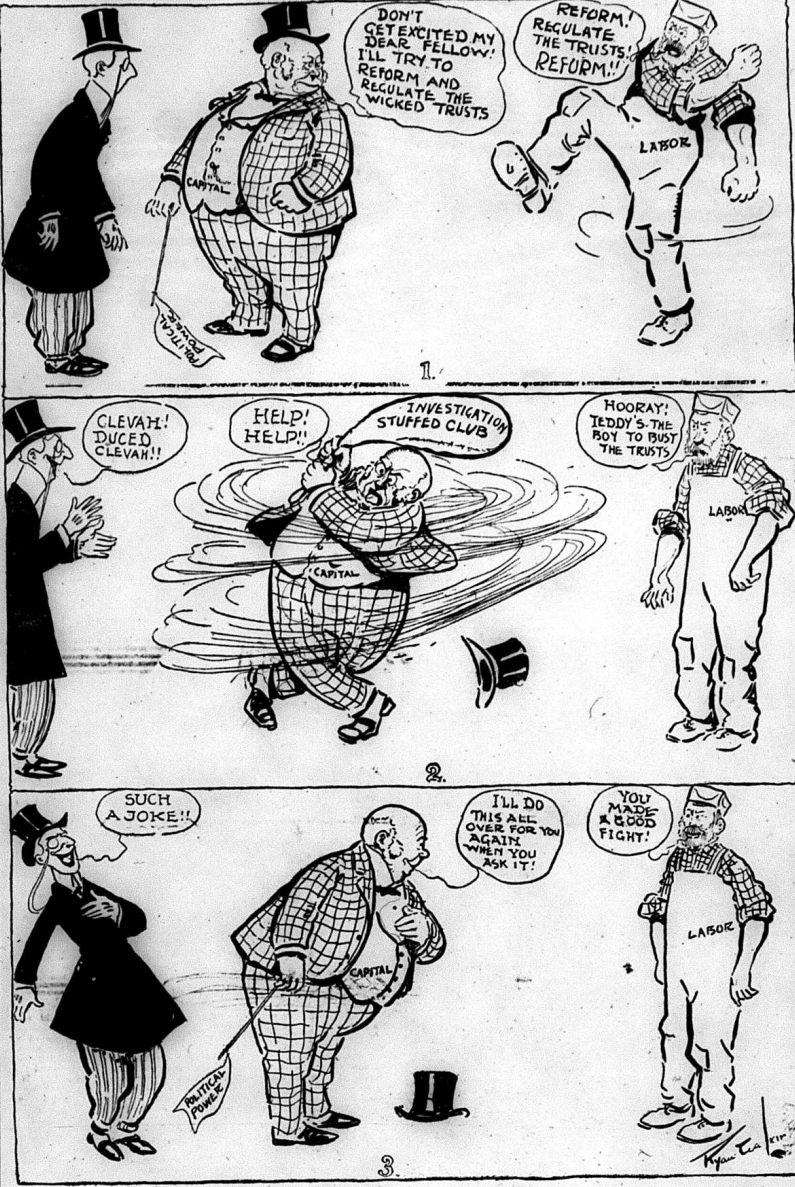
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By Ryan Walker

ing that any old thing is Socialism if it only bear the Socialist label.
 Clammers For Pictures of Future.
 In my own work I find some people clamoring for a picture of the glories to be, under Socialism. Now I do not pose as a prophet; and I am sure that the cause of Socialism will be advanced by the DOING of practical deeds and not by DREAMING beautiful dreams. And the DOING of the things that will bring Socialism will come not from pictures, but from the active work of the workers. A certain heaven-of-delight called the Co-operative Commonwealth, but through educating the working class to a clear understanding of its real relations to the present order. Make economic slaves and why they are slaves; that their economic interests can never be harmonized with the economic interest of any element of the proprietor class; that the economic wars between different sections of the proprietor class do not concern the wage-workers at all; that SOCIALISM cannot be either consistently or safely introduced by any other political or economic ISM; that there can be no such thing as a "less-er of two evils," when it comes to a choice between persons or parties, both of which stand for private ownership and competition for the wage-working class is to organize and act vigorously along the line of its close interests on both the economic and political field; and from that position there will be no reaction, no fusion, no compromise, no straying off into by-paths labelled "get something now," but a straight forward march to the achievement of the immediate purpose of the Socialist party, the ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION OF THE WAGE-WORKING CLASS.

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"Growlson!" exclaimed the Ogre's son, "Our Giant is getting unruly. This Reform cry unnerves me."
 "Don't worry, my son," smiled the Ogre, "I will show you the funniest comedy in the world. I will change this wand into a stuffed club and the Unruly Giant will think I am clubbing his life out."



THE MANAGER'S SAY

We have received so many inquiries from friends as to how THE SOCIALIST is getting along that we feel impelled to state publicly during the past thirty days there have been received at this office four hundred and fourteen subscriptions, of which number 109 were half-yearlies and 39 quarterlies. It will be conceded that the paper is doing well at the rate of increase and it augurs well for its future. Each day the subscriptions are coming in at an increasing rate and it is evident that the comrades generally are beginning to understand the paper and its aims. It is a pity that the number of subscriptions above reported did not yield enough to cover all expenses. It costs more to publish a paper like THE SOCIALIST than it does to publish a newspaper. The paper is published in a single issue, and the making of cartoons constitutes an important item. Then it has cost something to come into a strange city to establish an office and prepare to publish the paper. All this has placed us at a disadvantage for it can well be understood that our capital at the beginning was quite limited and we have had to depend altogether upon our subscription list for resources. Nevertheless the support so far given to the paper justifies us in repeating the assertion: THE SOCIALIST is here to stay.
 This assertion is repeated because there has been some doubt expressed in some quarters as to whether THE SOCIALIST will live or not. This is particularly the case with Ohio, where a recent venture which failed has led some few to believe that THE SOCIALIST will meet with the same fate. It will take some time to dispel this fear, we know, but we will succeed. If we did not believe this we would not attempt to get out another issue. There must be remembered that THE SOCIALIST is not a new paper, except in location and price. It has been in existence for five years and it has weathered many storms. It is prepared to weather many more before it ceases to exist. We are in the fight for Revolutionary Socialism. But we shall need the help of every one of our friends at all times and at no time more than the present.

We intended to announce this week the names of the judges in the contest for the prizes offered for the best three articles on "What is the Greatest Necessity in the Socialist Party at Present?" but one of the comrades asked to serve has not replied in time for this issue, so the announcement is necessarily delayed another week.

We wish to call attention to the subscription cards of THE SOCIALIST. Many comrades have written in for cards as they find this the easiest method of getting subscriptions. The cards are for yearly and half yearly subscriptions and cost 25 cents each; for quarterly subscriptions, 10 cents each; for over 20 cents apiece; half-yearlies, 3 or over, forty cents apiece. The cards are now ready and will be sent promptly upon receipt of remittance.

TRAUTMANN MOTION ADOPTED

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 Trautmann's motion so I vote against it. The case seems to me to deserve discipline and should not be laid on the table or "over-ruled."
 IDAHO, Carter: "It seems to me after carefully reviewing the statement of Comrade Victor L. Berger that there has been a violation of that part of the National Constitution Article 12, Section 3, that says: 'no refrain from making nominations in order to favor the candidates of such organizations.' While I will admit there may be some extenuating circumstances in the matter I think it very poor tactics from a socialist point of view, in the absence of silence to reasoning from that standpoint, can see no reason for receding from the original stand I took in the matter, that of voting in favor of Comrade Trautmann's motion."
 ILL., Berlyn: "I vote no because I cannot endorse the insinuations contained in the motion of National Committeeman Carter. It does not in any way reflect on the integrity of National Committeeman Berger, and I believe it is the duty of the party wherever organized to oppose the capitalist parties at every stage if it is possible. Our party is the party of the working class against the capitalist class and the Catholic church is not friendly to the Socialists in Milwaukee. I would like to hear what is Trautmann's cause and for that matter is there any particular reason for the particular course taken there? We cannot afford to go on record as being anti-Catholic or as being anti-Catholic but that is their concern not ours. I believe that we must fight capitalism as a whole, not favor one part over another. The miserable results of Millerism in Eugene and more recently in Italy indicated the fact that the state of Wisconsin holds no charter from the 'Wahrheit' because it contained a revocation of its charter."
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A FEW GOOD STRONG JOLTS
 By M. W. Wilkins, Boston, Mass.
 Copies of The Socialist for April 8th and 15th are before me. I notice one striking peculiarity about your paper, viz: that each number is better than the one that preceded it. If you keep up that lick there will soon be something doing in the Socialist newspaper world.
 My Own Experience.
 Two years of active field work in which the principal task has been that of overcoming the bad effects of loose doctrine and tactics, gives one a keen appreciation of your vigorous stand for straight socialism. Opportunism is the greatest present menace of the Socialist movement. Reaction is the certain fruit of subordinating principle to the policy of "get there." But so soon as a movement shows signs of strength the siren song of the politicians is heard in the land. Listen to them chant: "Go slow," "don't be too radical," "don't get ahead of the times," "let US get office first and then we can do something." If the party heeds that song the movement will be wrecked on the shoals of compromise and compromise. Starting today with a clear seeing, straight acting membership of twenty-five thousand I would vastly rather take the chances for a real Socialist victory fifteen years hence, than to start now with a movement ten times as great, but fooled into believing...

WHAT IS "PROPAGANDA"?
 Some of our friends still repeat the objection we used to hear so often, that "Party News" and especially Party Discussions are not "Propaganda." Is there any "army which will defeat the drilled, forces of the enemy? Is it enlistment or is it the military training which follows enlistment?
 What is a Socialist? Is it to be well disposed toward something called Socialism or is to be a well informed and active member of the Socialist Party?
 Is there any "Propaganda" worthy the name which does not make a Party Socialist? That is why our motto is "For The Socialist Party."
 Our success must be won through a political organization. That organization must construct platforms, must make nominations, must conduct campaigns, must act together through majority votes, must present a united front to the capitalist foe, must detect traitors in its ranks, must reject false counsels, and to these ends must maintain free public discussion on disputed points. These things are necessary.
 In regard to motion 6, I think a great mistake has been made by some members of the National Committee ascribing personal motives in regard to this question. I vote on motion from the question of constitutionality. The constitution is plain on this point and if the Wisconsin movement refrain from nominating in order to educate the new voters and if this is the kind of lesson they are to be taught, then it is time for the National Committee to act, therefore record me as voting in favor of motion."
 WISCONSIN, Next Week.
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 Up to April 18, the amount contributed in the United States to the revolutionary movement in Russia was \$2,389,68. a ridiculously small amount in the magnitude of the movement in this country is considered. It would seem that in a country like this where a great deal of sympathy with the Russian revolutionists has been expressed this sympathy would show a little more practical results. Socialists should do what they can at this time to help their fellows in Russia, as the time is undoubtedly favorable for effective action against the autocracy. Contributions can be sent direct to J. Lothrop, secretary of the Russian Socialist Democratic Society, 121 E. 112th St., New York City.
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