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THREE TERRIBLE TEXTS FOR A SOCIALIST SERMON.

News of Unemployment, Poverty, Despair, and Suicide, Showing the Rottenness of Capitalism.

Stories of Direst Want Grown So Common That We Hardly Notice Them—Denied the Privilege of Working, Men Seek Rest in the Grave—Capitalist Profits Wrong from Children's Misery—What Will You Do About It?

All men are free from and equal in this country, say the defenders of capitalism. By industry, sobriety, and economy any man can rise to wealth and social position. There are no classes. There is no class struggle. Agitators should be put down and all would be well.

Read this, taken from a New York paper of last Monday:

OUT OF WORK—DRAK POISON.

A man was found dead in Central Park at Sixth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, last night from the effects of carbolic acid poisoning. There was no money found in the clothing, and it is supposed the man had been out of employment and had taken his life through despondency.

In his pockets were found several slips representing applications for employment at various employment agencies. One of these was made out by Frank Summers, 242 East Thirty-ninth Street. It was said that Frank Summers had lived through three months in a French camp, but had been out of employment and unable to pay his room rent. Yesterday he was told to vacate his room. Nothing further was known of him.

"Nothing further was known of him." And nothing further does capitalist society care to know. He was merely a superfluous wealth-producer—one of a multitude hunting for work and not finding it. He had made profits for capitalists in his day. But now he was one too many, there was no further use for him.

But we workers know more of him! We know him as one of us, as our brother in suffering and oppression. We have felt the bitterness of "hunting for a job," only worse than the torture of overwork that alternates with it. To be he is a man, not a machine, not a producer—only a SLOWLY MURDERED BY THE SYSTEM WHICH GIVES IDLE VANDERBILT A PALACE, not a stone's throw from the place where this man lay down to die.

Read this, from the same issue of the same paper:

OUT OF WORK—SOUGHT DEATH.

A despondent sailor was saved from drowning himself off East River Park yesterday afternoon. The man, who is a member of the Volunteer Life Saving Corps at Hell Gate, was found by several others.

There was a letter in his pocket, which he had written to his wife. It was a long and bitter letter, in which he told her that he was a man who was not wanted in the world, and that he was a man who was not wanted in the world. He had been out of work for a long time, and he was not able to support his family. He had been out of work for a long time, and he was not able to support his family.

"This man is liable to imprisonment for attempting suicide and failing. What a hideous irony!" He asked only for permission to work—to perform hard and dangerous labor—in order to earn a bare living for himself. Society refused him that privilege. He was too old. There are plenty of strong, active young men begging for employment and a capitalist considers only how much profit he can earn from the workman's life. Workingmen are a drug in the market. WORKINGMEN OF FIFTY-FIVE ARE OUT OF DATE. They should die off; but they should die in a quiet and orderly manner, not making unpleasant scenes in public places.

Read this, taken also from the same issue of the same paper:

FATHER DYING—BOY ARRESTED.

A boy eleven years old of East One Hundred and Twenty-third Street was arrested at Broadway and Twenty-third Street yesterday morning by Police Officer No. 100. The boy was found in a state of collapse on the sidewalk. He was taken to the hospital, but he died there.

Remember that it is the testimony of the best specialists that almost all the great cities of the tenement houses and is directly caused by the unsanitary conditions there prevailing—the lack of light and ventilation, the bad plumbing, and the crowding of the people. Dark, ventilated, and crowded tenements pay the landlord better than well lighted, airy, roomy ones. THE CAPITALIST MAKES PROFITS BY THE DANGEROUS DEATH OF THE TENEMENTS.

Six persons, one of them a consumptive, living in two small rooms, a little child must take up the burden of earning their living! Is not one such case a frightful indictment against capitalism and against the political parties that support it?

And when, through the impertinence of this poor boy, society learns of this and that affair, what does it do? It takes the boy away and locks him up in a sort of jail known by the more respectable name of the "Juvenile Asylum." There he may live, and forget his family, and learn to be a docile wage-slave. And what becomes of the sick father, the over-burdened mother, the hungry children? Who knows? Who cares? WORKING PEOPLE ARE CHEAP.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

No man who is dependent on wages for his living can be sure that next year or five years from now he will not find himself driven to suicide as these two have been. A wage-reduction, a strike, then the blacklist—would it not lead straight toward a suicide's grave?

Or a new machine, enabling a boy to do the work of two men; you are passing the prime of life, your eyes are failing or your joints are stiff; but you

go—but whither? To the streets, to the employment agencies, to the "boilers' benches" in the park, to despair—perhaps the spiritless despair that ends in the insults of the poorhouse, perhaps the proud despair that ends in suicide.

Or sickness comes. Your wife, worn out by years of drapery-dragging and want, becomes a hopeless invalid. Doctors' bills pile up. Your furniture must be pawned—and can never be redeemed. Your landlord finds you unprepared. Out of you go, again—YOU ARE OF NO USE UNLESS A CAPITALIST CAN MAKE A PROFIT OUT OF YOU.

Every workman to-day has to face such possibilities as these. What are you going to do about it?

WHAT SOCIALISTS WOULD DO.

Socialists say that the means of production—land, railroads, factories, etc.—ought to belong to the people and be operated for the good of all, instead of for the private profit of a few.

Under Socialism we should have NO MILLIONAIRES—and we should have NO MEN HEGGING FOR WORK AND DRIVEN BY POVERTY TO SUICIDE. The means of production would be accessible to all, all would receive their full share of the product of our social labor, and none could be able to make profits by the misery of others.

WE SHOULD NOT HAVE CHILDREN WORKING ON THE STREET OR IN THE FACTORY. They would be in the school, on the playground, and in the home—all of them, not only a part as now.

WE SHOULD NOT LET THEM AGED DIE IN HUNGER AND NEGLECT. WE SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THEM out of the common wealth which they had helped to create.

If we found that we were producing more than we needed, we should not throw some out to starve while we overworked the others, as is now the case. We should reduce the working hours of all, that all might have more leisure to enjoy the wealth they produced.

We can substitute this system of freedom and brotherhood for the slavery and misery of capitalism, whenever the workers of the nation decide to vote for it. In view of such cases as those cited above is not that the thing to do?

WE CAN GET IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

BUT WE DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE FULL ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALISM in order to get some relief from the horrible conditions now existing, as shown by these three cases. We should reduce the working hours of all, that all might have more leisure to enjoy the wealth they produced.

Socialist state legislatures and city councils could not establish Socialism in its full vigor. That will require national action. But they could do much.

Socialist legislatures would establish A LEGAL EIGHT-HOUR DAY. They would reduce the working hours of all, that all might have more leisure to enjoy the wealth they produced.

Socialist city governments would put an end to the foul, dark, crowded, disease-breeding tenements and substitute sanitary dwellings, erected by the city and let to the people at rates sufficient to pay—not interest on capital but the cost of care and maintenance. The landlords would lose by it; but the workers would gain, and a SOCIALIST ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO THE WORKERS.

Socialist city administrations would provide school room and teachers for all the children, would abolish child labor, and would give food and clothing, where needed, to the children, in order to enable them to attend school.

All these things are within the power of state and local governments. They would give incalculable relief to those who now suffer from the evils of capitalism. They are worth voting for and working for.

To these measures and such as these the Social Democratic Party in the city and state of New York is pledged. To these measures and such as these the Socialist Party all over the land is pledged. Its victory would render forever impossible such a tale of horror as is told in the three items of current news we have reprinted. That is why all workmen—and all others who care more for humanity than for profits—should vote our ticket.

THE TEND TOWARD SOCIALISM.

There are three forces that we must recognize as "involved in this economic trend toward Socialism—the first, Socialism itself, the weakest of the whole; the next strongest is organized labor; but the third and most powerful force that is driving this and other countries rapidly into state Socialism is capitalism itself; and the capitalists, when you talk with them confidentially, do not hesitate to say that this is inevitably the result of their combinations.—Carroll D. Wright.

CAMPAIGN IN ROCHESTER.

Socialists Making a Good Fight with the Brightest Prospects.

Seventeenth Ward, with Frank A. Sieverman as Aldermanic Candidate, the Center of Interest—Municipal Platform.

The Social Democratic campaign in the full swing in the city of Rochester, and especially in the Twelfth Ward, where Frank A. Sieverman, a veteran fighter in the labor movement, is running for the office of alderman. The prospects are very bright.

Meetings are being held all over the ward. Comrade Allan, of New York City, is in town, and is doing good work for the cause. A campaign club will be organized in each of the seven precincts of the Seventeenth Ward, one being already in working order. Great enthusiasm is shown at the open-air meetings and favorable comments are always heard at their close.

Comrade Sieverman makes no bid for votes on the score of his personal popularity. He says: "Don't vote for me unless you believe that, in doing so, you are voting for your own interests. Vote for the platform. Vote for the interests of your wife and family and your class."

The strength of Comrade Sieverman's candidacy is that his long record in the trade unions and in the Socialist movement makes it impossible for an intelligent man to question his sincerity or to doubt that he would keep every pledge.

MUNICIPAL PLATFORM.

The municipal platform, which was adopted at the city convention of Sept. 13, and is being circulated in leaflet form, is as follows:

"The Social Democratic Party, of Rochester, N. Y., in convention assembled, hereby reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of International Socialism, as proclaimed in the Social Democratic Party's national platform adopted by the Indianapolis convention, held July 29-August 1, 1901.

"Together with militant Socialists of all countries, we hold it to be the supreme duty of the working class to wrest the powers of state from the capitalist class so that the working class may secure complete control of all branches of government, for the purpose of transferring from the hands of the capitalist class to the whole people collectively, the ownership of all mines, workshops, mills, factories, and railroads, in short, all machinery of production and distribution, the same to be owned and operated by the people collectively as their interests or conveniences may dictate.

"So long as the great modern tools of production and distribution are the private property of the capitalists who can, and will, permit their use by the working class only on such terms and conditions as are dictated by the interests of the capitalist class, we hold that no permanent relief can come to the workers.

"The giant trusts of to-day, which are already monopolizing every field of human activity and are the forerunners of still more gigantic industrial combinations of capital to come, present a problem which can only be solved by the adoption of the Socialist principles in economics, namely: the collective ownership and operation of all means of production and distribution.

"We hold further that the great centers of recent times, steel, coal mining, and other industries, clearly emphasize the antagonisms of interest between capital, the exploiter, and labor, the exploited; that the capitalist class, fully conscious of its power and its interests, aims at and is satisfied with nothing less than the complete subjugation of labor; the workers, too, must recognize the hostility between the two classes, take their battles into the political field where they are strongest, array themselves on the side of the Social Democratic Party which represents the interests of the working class, vote themselves as a class, and secure complete control of all branches of government, and then establish the co-operative commonwealth."

IMMEDIATE MEASURES.

"Tending this result, the Social Democratic Party stands for such improvement of the conditions of the working class as may be brought about by legislation favorable to its interests.

"We therefore, enter the municipal campaign pledged, when elected, to enact into laws the following:

"First—The municipalization of the street railway, and gas and electric light plants. The city should own its own street railway system for the benefit of the people, its streets and public highways. Gas and electric light plants are public utilities like waterworks, parks, streets, etc., and should be owned by the city.

"Revenues derived from these public utilities will be used to increase wages and shorten the work day of the workers, and to improve the public service; revenues derived from this source are in no instance, to be used to reduce taxes.

"Second—Employment in the public service to be determined by fitness. No employee to be removed for political reasons.

"Third—Abolition of the contract system in public improvements; the city, without the intervention of so-called 'contractors,' to perform its own work, such as constructing and repairing streets, improving parks, and building schools or other public buildings. All such work to be done under the supervision of city officials, the workers to be employed directly by the

"Fourth—All public work done by

or for the city to be performed by union workmen at union wages and hours of work, but in no case shall a day's work consist of more than eight hours, or the wages less than two dollars per day.

"Fifth—The immediate construction of additional school buildings so that all children of school age may be able to attend school a full day. School books and supplies to be furnished free to all children, and children of poor parents to be furnished meals free." M.

AN INTERNATIONAL TRUST.

It is reported that a large English tobacco company has definitely accepted a proposition to enter the American Tobacco Company or Tobacco Trust. The Trust is planning, not only to get control of the English tobacco industry, as it already has complete control of the industry in this country, but also to extend its operations to the continent of Europe. Of its success there can be little doubt.

Now does any intelligent man really think that an international combination such as this can be controlled by such measures as are proposed by the reformers—by Mr. Hadley's method of social ostracism, by President Roosevelt's scheme of publicity, by Mr. Bryan's plan of licensing the trusts, or by the repeal of the tariff, as advocated by some others? As well try to sweep back the tide with a broom.

Only one measure can touch these giant combinations: Public ownership of the means of production. And public ownership can be of benefit to the workers, the producers, only if inaugurated by the action of a class-conscious party of the working people, that is Socialism.

It is coming, sooner or later. The only question is: Do YOU want to enjoy it in YOUR life, instead of leaving it to another generation? Will YOU help to bring it soon?

STREET-CAR PROFITS.

George F. Harding of Chicago has made the city two offers for the street railway franchises which expire in 1903.

He offers to take the franchises, run the street railways on a three-cent fare, with universal transfers, and pay the city 20 per cent of his net profits.

As an alternative offer he says he will pay the city \$3,000,000 a year rental, besides 20 per cent of his net profit, charging five cents fare, but giving universal transfers.

In either case he asks for a twenty-year lease, terminable by the city on six months' notice.

Such an offer as that shows what enormous profits the street railway capitalists are making at the people's expense. For Mr. Harding is not proposing to let the business for his health, but because he knows that upon the conditions offered, he can still make fat profits.

It is not likely that his offer will be accepted. The Republican and Democratic politicians who govern the city would prefer to have the street railway magnates make still bigger profits, because they, the politicians, are virtually completely in the hands of the capitalists and their cronies.

If the working people of Chicago will put the Socialist Party in power, the question will be settled in quite a different way. The city itself will operate the roads. Its first care will be to establish the eight-hour day for the employees and to pay them decent wages. Its next care will be to improve and extend the service. After that, the surplus that still remains will be applied to reducing fares.

That is a program that the working people may sensibly support. The Socialist Party is the only one that will carry it out in Chicago or anywhere else.

TOWN TICKET IN PEENSKILL.

Local Peenkill held a nominating convention for the town of Cortland on Monday, Sept. 16, in Labor Hall, Chas. H. Hahn acted as chairman of the convention and Henry Kaste as secretary. The following candidates were chosen for town offices:

For Supervisor—Seth Taber. For Town Clerk—John J. Heleken, Jr. Justices of the Peace (full term)—John Buttery, Henry Kaste, Justice of the Peace (to fill vacancy)—George West, of Van Cortlandville. Receiver of Taxes—Arthur F. Simmonds.

Assessors—John P. McGovern, Chas. H. Hahn, John R. Worthington. Auditors—Nathaniel Bradley, William Moore, Jas. Colquhoun. Overseers of the Poor—Samuel Schneider, Chas. N. Jessup. Constables—Wm. D. Lent, John Patterson, Geo. McCoy, Joseph Brown. Comrades Taber, Simmonds, Worthington, Holmes, and McGovern were constituted a committee having authority to fill vacancies.

The following declaration was adopted: "Resolved, That we unqualifiedly endorse the action of the Party Convention, held at Indianapolis, July 29, and that we pledge our allegiance and support to the united Socialist Party of the United States, and subscribe to the platform of that party and to the principles of International Socialism.

"We call upon all workmen and women to study our platform and principles and read our literature." A resolution condemning the assassination of President McKinley was introduced and unanimously adopted.

BUY UNION LABEL GOODS.

SOCIALISM vs. ANARCHISM.

The People Are Learning That the Two Are Diametrically Opposed.

Extracts from the Capitalist Press, Admitting the Difference.

Socialism and Anarchy are as far apart as the poles. The Socialist would enlarge the operations of government so as to include most of the great activities now under private direction. The Anarchist aims to abolish all government. The Socialist believes that "an intelligent ballot is the only hope of society."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is such a popular misconception of the differences between Anarchy and Socialism that a brief definition is given of each. Socialism: A theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society, increase the wealth and more equal distribution of the products of labor through the public; collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. Anarchy: The theory that all forms of government are wrong and unnecessary.—Philadelphia North American.

Because a man is a Socialist or an Anarchist, by no means follows that he should be dispossessed of the rights of citizenship. The looseness of a great deal of the comment on this subject is made evident by the fact that these critics class Socialists and Anarchists in one category, when, as a matter of fact, they are as wide apart in their ideas as black is from white or night from day.—Boston Herald.

The argument that because Anarchy represents one form of social disorganization, it is equally dangerous and equally irrational and dangerous with Anarchy is put forward by those who assume that in addressing the American people they are speaking to fools. Only a very extraordinary kind of fool can be made to believe that because a murderous wretch has attempted the life of the President it becomes everybody's patriotic duty to cease criticizing the trusts, cease discussing the problem of poverty and the dangers threatening the republic through the rapid growth of enormous fortunes which have their roots in monopoly. Notwithstanding Coolidge, and notwithstanding the equally silly and repulsive efforts of the organs of a mindless variety of moneyed conservatism to turn Coolidge's crime into an argument against all reform, all progress, the American people will still discuss questions which involve the common welfare. And men who love the republic will continue to "speak evil of dictators" while any of the dictators whom it has pleased Providence to set in authority over us do evil things.—Philadelphia North American.

If the question must be discussed what causes and elements are working into the hands of Anarchism we do not hesitate a moment to denounce the "Sun" and its followers as the most dangerous of these elements. Their nameless cynicism, their derision of all nobler sentiments, their support of all discredited elements, now on this side and now on the other, their continuous performance in vilifying workmen on the one hand and their unlimited advocacy of capitalism, based on the principle of "might is right," on the other—these are methods of warfare which, allied to calumnious distortion of the truth, have even befouled untruthfulness, breed hatred among the classes, act as irritants, and collect up BLIND FURY against their own pompous insolence. We are convinced that a single one of these contemptible articles on the problems of labor, as they are to be found frequently in the "Sun," does more mischief than all the stuff, thus sharply criticized by the "Sun," that other papers are emitting for the "benefit of Anarchism."—N. Y. Staats-Zeitung.

Every child ought to know that the Socialist is not an anarchist, nor anything like one. * * * Socialism represents hope, while Anarchy represents despair. Socialism would gain its ends—and this despite the talk of a few rattle-headed fellows—by orderly means. * * * Socialism in its best type implies a state of peace in which murder is impossible. Anarchy, on the contrary, represents not a state except a state of law, and that, not to be envied.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The competitive system of Industrial Anarchy has slain its thousands and its tens of thousands, and not the least of these is President McKinley; for the Anarchist, like the monopolist, is a natural product of this system. It is a system that grinds the body and cramps the soul and drives men insane. Do you understand it? The assassin is the ripe and rotten fruit of the competitive system. He is one of its evils. The system, those who support the system, and the individual instrument—the Anarchist, assassin—stand equally condemned.—Eldar B. Heflingstap, in San Diego Chieflain.

As long as the wage system lasts, as long as a Morgan may dictate to 50,000 or 100,000 human beings and tell them when and where they shall work and how much they will get for it, as long as the system that permits the sweatshops of Chicago to exist, where the Italian pant-makers earn \$1.50 per week, is in the world, poor, blind human beings will crawl from their fettering dens and smite with bloody hands the representatives of the class that upholds such a system. The capitalist class is responsible for the attempted murder, as it is responsible for the degradation of the entire working class.—Advance.

HANFORD TO SPEAK

To All Readers of This Paper in the State of NEW YORK: The party which this paper represents, heretofore known as the Social Democratic Party, decided at its recent convention in Indianapolis to assume the name of SOCIALIST PARTY. The provisions of the election laws of this state are such, however, that it has been found advisable to retain the old name in the state of NEW YORK through the present campaign. Our ticket will be found on the official ballot under the name of SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY and under the party emblem of the ARM AND TORCH. That is the ticket for workmen to vote.

THE PARTY NAME.

The social atmosphere is not favorable to the production of poets, artists, scientists and philosophers. It is a land of engineers, inventors, financiers, and manufacturers. Here in America the environment tends ever to draw us away from the highest aims.—Prof. J. G. Schurman.

—We shall take from the capitalist class the unpaid wages of our fathers and grandfathers, the tools of production.—Advance.

PUT THE CAPITALISTS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

Says the "Iron Age," an organ of the iron and steel manufacturers:

"An attempt which originated in the West is now being made to unite employers in all branches of industry in a compact organization, not only to combat the demands of labor organizations, but also to PREVENT THE EMPLOYERS FROM BECOMING MEMBERS OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

"They (the employers) believe that the time has come when WAR SHOULD BE DECLARED ON THE WHOLE SCHEME OF ORGANIZING WORKINGMEN INTO UNIONS."

Says the New York "Times": "There is probably NOT A LARGE EMPLOYER OF LABOR IN THE COUNTRY WHO WOULD NOT JOIN A MOVEMENT TO BREAK UP THE EXISTING TRADE UNION SYSTEM. They do not share the popular idea that the trade union principle is something sacred which must not be assailed. For the labor vote they care very little, and for such reprisals as it is in the power of the wage-earners to attempt they care even less."

Workers, in these quotations from capitalist papers you can see the spirit and purpose of the "captains of industry." What will you do about it? Will you sit supine while your organizations are emasculated or destroyed? Do you union men realize that the only force which has stood between your standard of living and wages and that "enjoyed" by the Chinese workmen is your trade unions? Do you realize that up to this time the only real battles that have been fought against the great capitalists have been fought by the trade unions?

New, the great capitalists propose to MAKE WAR UPON THE VERY PRINCIPLE OF TRADE UNIONISM—upon the right of workmen to ORGANIZE, except in such way as employers deem good; and a labor organization that is satisfactory to capitalists will be useless to wage-workers.

"For the labor vote they care very little," says the "Times," and endorses the action of the American Sheet Steel Company in tearing down its mills at McKeesport because the Steel Trust did not own the Mayor of the town. "Workingmen, union men, the capitalists will 'care very little for the labor vote' ONLY SO LONG AS THE LABOR VOTE IS LITTLE. So long as one-half of the workingmen vote the Republican ticket and the other half vote the Democratic ticket, the "Times" and the "Iron Age" will not

worry over the "labor vote." Whichever of the two capitalist parties wins, the boss is safe. When the real labor vote is large, the capitalist will cease to "care very little" for it.

These great employers "believe" that the time has come when war should be declared on the whole scheme of organizing workmen into unions," says the "Iron Age." The large employers of labor in this country do not believe that the trade union principle is something which must not be assailed." Do you union men know how you should reply to that? The capitalists propose to attack a principle which is vital to your liberty and welfare, and YOU SHOULD RESPOND BY MAKING AN ATTACK UPON THE VERY PRINCIPLE OF CAPITALIST PRIVATE PROPERTY. Aim at the very heart and citadel of capitalist power. Keep the capitalist so busy defending himself that he will have neither time nor power to attack you.

Stick to your unions, by all means. Get all workmen—and women—to organize. But in your fight with the capitalist do not limit your weapons to the strike and the boycott. Those are fights between your dollars and his dollars, and he has a hundred or a thousand dollars to your one.

You have the choice of ground and of weapons in the fight. FIGHT THE CAPITALIST AT THE POLLS AND WITH THE BALLOT, and the victory will be on the side of Labor. You workmen have NINE votes for every ONE the capitalist has. He can win only when you cast your votes for him. Should you trade unionists spend one-quarter the effort fighting the capitalist on the political field, where you have HIM at a disadvantage that you do fighting him on the economic field, where he has YOU at a disadvantage, victory and its fruits would soon be yours, and capitalism would find an early and unhonored grave.

Union men, meet the capitalist attacks on your organizations by attacking the whole capitalist system with a straight vote for the working-class ticket of the Social Democratic Party. The way to keep the capitalist from attacking you is for you to attack him. Workingmen, cease to act on the defensive. Take the offensive. Challenge the capitalist to meet you at the polls, and ATTACK AND ATTACK AGAIN, and FOREVER ATTACK!

SOCIALIST DODGERS.

Capitalism breeds anarchy and assassination. Socialism is the only remedy. We advise Police Commissioner Murphy to order all policemen to distribute Socialist literature—the only preventive against anarchy.

The United States detectives will resume their poor reputation in the usual manner by organizing anarchistic societies and get paid for discovering them.

The steel workers gained a splendid victory if they only learned the lesson of their strike.

Five weeks only, comrades; five weeks. Every enrolled citizen of your district must get a bunch of our leaflets. He won't get them if YOU don't distribute them.

Invest in Socialism. Its stocks are ever rising. The campaign fund of the S. D. P. is now open.

The Arm and Torch is the last emblem on the official ballot. If the workmen vote for Ben Hanford, the last shall be the first.

Antidote for Anarchism: Shake Anarchism and take Socialism.

There are only five weeks, comrades, till the day when your work shall be known by its fruit.

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SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Socialist vote in the United States for various years: In 1888 (Presidential) 2,065; In 1890 13,331; In 1892 (Presidential) 21,107; In 1894 33,133; In 1896 (Presidential) 36,504.

N. W. YORK CITY TICKET.

FOR MAYOR—BENJAMIN HANFORD. FOR CONTROLLER—NO RIS BROWN. PRESIDENT BOARD OF ALDERMEN—HENRY STAHL.



We wish to be able to give fuller reports of the Socialist vote in the coming election and to give them more promptly than ever before.

DEFEND THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

In a number of the smaller cities and towns of the country the police have taken the assassination of President McKinley as a pretext to suppress the open-air meetings of the Socialist Party.

disorder occurred. And in no case, so far as we know, has the police of New York tried to interfere with our street or hall meetings or with the distribution of our literature.

This is not to be put down to the good feeling of the police authorities of New York or of the capitalists who stand back of them.

It is necessary for our comrades in other cities to take a similar position and to teach the local authorities that Socialists know their rights and know how to maintain them.

Whenever the police are now forbidding the holding of Socialist meetings our advice to the comrades is this: Give public notice that the unlawful usurpation of power will be resisted.

By such a course as this, and only by such a course, shall we be able to establish our right to peaceable and orderly agitation and checkmate the plan of suppression now advocated by such papers as the "Sun."

Since the recent assassination many months have been opened not wisely, but too well. There has been an ink-spilling, breath-wasting, deafening whirlwind of words and all who thought the world was waiting for their wisdom have poured forth a torrent of opinion, interview, invective, and advice.

IT PAYS TO BE HONEST. It may seem to some a curious thing for us to institute a comparison between the experiences of the New York "Journal" and those of The Worker in the last three weeks.

The "Journal" has, for some years, been playing the part of an organ of social discontent. Because it has vigorously and, up to a certain point, intelligently voiced the wide-spread and growing dissatisfaction of the people, it became immensely popular.

For this reason it has never been a real leader of public opinion. It has tried always to be at the head of the procession, but it has never dared to lead the procession.

As is usually the case with those who are really cowards, the "Journal" has been very violent in its language. While the attempts of the "Sun" and other papers to fix upon it the responsibility of inciting the late assassination are very strained and evidently inspired by jealousy, it is nevertheless a fact that the "Journal" has talked freely of lynching and assassination as possible remedies, and that it has not consistently counseled any wiser course for the fighting of the wrong.

has never desired to ride in the ban-wagon. It is published to advocate certain definite principles and to support a certain definite movement.

Both papers had criticized the late President. Both had characterized him as the agent of a tyrannical ruling class. Both whorped the "Journal" had done this in the form of an abusive and vulgar personal attack.

Then came the assassination. The contrast between the two policies became still clearer. The "Journal," forgetting or seeming to forget its violent denunciations of McKinley's personal character and conduct, began at once to publish the most fulsome eulogues upon him.

The Worker, on the contrary, reiterated, in its issue following the attempt, the decided and unfavorable opinions of McKinley's public career that it had previously expressed.

That is the difference between a paper devoted to principle and a paper whose stock in trade is sensation and whose object is notoriety. And what is the result?

In another column we print the address of the British Social Democratic Federation to the trade unions upon the recent decisions of the courts and the House of Lords, making union funds attachable for damages in suits brought by capitalists against unions.

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In a recent article in the New York "Journal" Mr. Ambrose Bierce, who often says a witty thing and sometimes a wise one, declares that the fundamental weakness of the trade union movement is that it assumes a higher degree of morality in the mass of the people than actually exists.

Mr. Bierce is wrong in saying that the majority of men are in most matters controlled by considerations of personal interest. The exact opposite is the truth. If Mr. Bierce were right in his dictum we should have no civilized society to-day—nay, we should

have no human society at all, but should still be living the life of wild beasts. The average man does not beat his wife when she displeases him; he does not snatch the food from his children's hands if he happens to be hungry; he does not gratify every appetite or whim regardless of the effect of his acts upon other people.

The arrest of its own Chief Devery is about the only good thing the New York Police Department has ever done, and of course it was forced to do that.

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Our Esteemed Contemporaries (and OTHERS)

The Challenge. Our approaching revolution in this country is not going to hurt anybody. No more will there be any necessity of people getting hurt by the machine.

When an employer wishes workmen are on strike makes the statement that he is fighting for the right to run his shop (the statement of a member of the Steel Trust), he does not mean what he says. The workmen do not take away the shop; they leave it there for him to run himself; just what he says he wants.

Under the present wage system in which the employers own all the tools of production and the worker owns nothing, the worker is in a large sense a slave. By laws enacted and penalties provided which impose upon him by your proposed compulsory arbitration, you will not enlarge his freedom but you will force him into deeper slavery.

Capital is power. It largely owns the press and creates public sentiment in its favor. It sits supreme in the Senate and all the law-making bodies of the country. Before it courts bow in humble submission. It directs the policies of the army and navy; it shapes the policies of all great political parties; its influence is irresistible in all the affairs of modern society.

Des Moines (Ia.) Daily News. There is probably a good deal more Socialist opinion among the people of this country than appears in this election returns. The Socialist vote is increasing slowly but steadily in all parts of the country.

The Undercurrent, Redlands, Cal. "Government ownership of public utilities" is certainly socialistic in principle, but the principle is applied or misapplied with work injury to the workers. Observe that in those countries in which the government has most complete control of the several industries, the people are in the most abject condition.

DON'T SWEAR, BUT VOTE. The quality of the gas supplied to the people of New York City by the Consolidated Gas Company, as shown by monthly photometric tests, has steadily deteriorated during the last six months.

Municipal ownership is a measure originated by the necessities of the dying middle class, and whoever advocates it or whatever reason is given for advocating it, the measure is a middle class measure, designed to benefit that class and no other.

CRIMINAL CAPITALISM. ATROCITIES AT TAMPA.

Perhaps you have heard some Socialists say that capitalists are robbers and murderers. Perhaps you thought those words were too strong. Perhaps you thought the plain spoken Socialist would never use such radical terms. If so, wonder if you have read the recent news from Tampa, news of outrages by the "respectable" capitalists of that city, so heedless that the pen is powerless to picture them. This news is from the press dispatches which have gone to every paper in the land. But perhaps you have not seen it, for the capitalist sheets which give so much space to malicious and lying attacks upon labor unions have said as little about it as possible. If you have not read this news, read it now. If you have read it, read it again, and think it over again, and keep thinking it over, and remember it on election day. There has been a strike in Tampa. The cigarmakers of La Resistencia Union have succeeded in keeping up the strike to the great annoyance of the capitalists who lived upon the wealth which the cigarmakers produced. Meanwhile strikers' families have been steadily evicted on account of unpaid rent. One hundred women and children slept on the streets in Tampa one night last month. The capitalists can turn their slaves out on the street when they rebel. But this is legal. Very well; there is more to come. The strikers kept up their fight bravely. On August 5 the agents of the Business Men's Association of Tampa, the "respectable citizens," forebly abducted thirteen of the strike leaders. They were carried away in the night, and after their disappearance no one knew what had become of them. No one seemed to care what became of them. They were only common workmen, you see. When the mill-laborer best-packer, was kidnapped some time ago, the whole press of the land raised a hue and cry about the outrage; severe punishments for kidnapping were called for, and all news-papers and all officialdom was worked up into a fury about the dear child of the rich. When these thirteen workmen were torn away from their wives and children, weeks passed and nothing was done. The story of the kidnapping is old news, but the men have now returned and this is their story: They were carried, through the woods to Ballast Point and put on a schooner, under heavy guard; they were carried across the Gulf, and after seven days' sail, were landed on a desert island off the coast of Honduras. They were given a box of soda crackers, two small hams, three cans of beef, and about a gallon of water, and left on this barren island to starve when their provisions gave out. After insupportable hardships from heat, thirst, hunger, and fatigue, they were met by an Indian, who brought aid and took them to the mainland; through the assistance of friends found there, they are back in Florida once more. Seven of these men are American citizens. One of them, at the time of the kidnapping, was TORN FROM THE RED-SIDE OF HIS WIFE, WHO HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO A CHILD ONLY THREE DAYS BEFORE AND WHO HAS SINCE DIED FROM THE SHOCK SHE SUFFERED AT HIS ABDUCTION. This story sounds like a story of the olden times, when pirates terrorized the seas. It sounds like a story of an incident of "business enterprise." It is only the plain narration of what was done by the "better classes" of Tampa. And yet: "This is a free country." "This is a land of law and order." "This is a land of equality and justice." "This is a country where every man is EQUAL before the law." This account of abduction, robbery, and murder must sound soothingly in the ears of the capitalists who prize of "law and order" in times when men are striking for bread and who have so much to say about the sacred "personal liberty" of the scab to take the place of his striking fellow-worker. To us, this news from Tampa is a surprise. We are not surprised that the capitalist class, the class which drives women to prostitution and men to crime by starving them for profit, the class that poisons the public with adulterated food and the army with "embalmed beef," the class which has hired armed assassins to shoot strikers in the streets, the class which buys the courts and politicians to act for its own foul purposes of plunder, the class which sells its soul for silver and is willing to grind humanity to death for gold—we are not surprised at the unexpected openness of their latest crime. The tenements from which New York capitalists draw profits cause the death of hundreds every year; the sweat-shops kill as many more; the "accidents" on railroads, arising from the criminal "economy" of the capitalist stockholders, blot out hundreds of workmen's lives. Every one of these "indirect methods of murder for profit" is just as bad as the barefaced violence of the Tampa capitalists. The lives that are crushed out by indirect methods, by legal methods, in order to increase the profits of the capitalist class are countless. Legal or illegal, there is no difference. The robbery and wrong which has been made legal is just as bad as that which is still called crime. We are not surprised when the capitalist class who rob and murder indirectly and by means which they have made legal, do the same thing openly. They are forced by competition to do these things if they are to retain their supremacy against competitors. But we hope that this incident will show the real nature of capitalism to those who are not aroused so long as the capitalists pretend to keep within the law. It tears the hypocritical mask of "law and order" from the face of the robber class. The lesson to be learned is that these things cannot be stopped, that no real law and order can be established UNTIL THE SYSTEM BY WHICH ONE CLASS LIVES UPON ANOTHER IS OVERTHROWN, and private greed dethroned for public good by bringing in the COMMON OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF EXISTENCE UPON WHICH ALL DEPEND. If you wish to do away with the evils of capitalism, with strikes and starvation, and the robbery of one class by another, work and agitate and vote for SOCIALISM. Within the last few days still another capitalist outrage has taken place in this Tampa strike. The union had established free soup houses in order to keep strikers alive, and now the capitalist mob has raided the soup-houses, poured the soup on the ground and put out the fires. Workmen of New York, what do you think would happen to you if you could not depend on the generosity of the Wall Street Astoria and dashed the dishes of the rich to the ground? What do you think would have happened to the steel strikers if they had abducted Morgan and Schwab? Why has not the militia been called out in Florida to put a stop to the riotous acts of the capitalists? Why have not injunctions been issued against them? Why are they not in prison? Because the workers of Florida have voted into power politicians, who are the hired employees of the capitalist class. The Democratic local officials have done nothing. The political representatives of the capitalist class will never do anything which is not dictated by the interests of their masters. If the workers want their rights they can get them only by voting for the political party of their own class, THE SOCIALIST PARTY, and electing to office men from their own class who will use every power of government and army and public treasury to support them in their strikes and struggles with the capitalists. WORKINGMEN, WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN FLORIDA THIS MONTH MAY HAPPEN IN NEW YORK NEXT YEAR, if you do not band together politically to fight the battles of your class against organized capital. The only effective action you can take against outrages such as those which have just taken place in Tampa, and with which you are threatened all over the country, is to vote always in local, state, and national elections, for Socialist candidates, standing for the interests of YOUR OWN CLASS and the final overthrow of capitalism and all its horrors. 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WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR SOCIALISM.

Try and get your Branch or your comrades in your locality to systematically distribute THE WORKER in some workmen's locality from now to election. Cover an assembly district if you can; if that is too large for your strength, then take an election district; if that is too great, take a block.

OBSERVE THE DIFFERENCE.

To All New Readers of This Paper:—Please observe that the party which this paper represents—the party which, at its recent convention in Indianapolis, adopted the name of Socialist Party, but which, for campaign purposes is known in the state of New York as the Social Democratic Party—is absolutely in no connection with the Socialist Labor Party, so unfavorably known among workmen for its antagonism to the trade union movement. This paper, in accordance with the policy of the Socialist Party, supports the principle of trade unionism, but calls upon the trade unionists to use their political power at the ballot box for the emancipation of the working class.

The "insane state" of New York has 22,000 "imprisoned persons" without counting those who gamble in stocks and organize trusts.—Commonwealth.

LECTURES IN EAST NEW YORK.

The comrades of East New York have arranged the following series of Sunday evening lectures, to be held in Pean-Fulton Hall, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Fulton street: Sept. 29—Peter E. Burrows, "The Irrepressible Conflict." Oct. 6—H. Gaylord Wilshire, "The Trust Problem." Oct. 13—Morris Hillquit, "Socialism as a Science." Oct. 20—Leonard D. Abbott, "The Issues of the Campaign." Oct. 27—Dr. C. L. Furman, "The Workingman, His Boss, and Politics." All workmen and others interested in political and economic questions are invited to come and hear the views of Socialist speakers, to ask questions and participate in general discussion. Admission is free.

The assertion that Socialists want to "divide up" comes with poor grace from the class which has compelled workmen to "stand and deliver."—Social Democratic Herald.

DIRTY DOLLARS. PARTY NOTES.

DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE.—At the last meeting of the New York City Campaign Committee it was reported that over 50,000 copies of the first campaign leaflet had already been distributed. The Bronx and the 20th A. D., Brooklyn, took 10,000 each. The rest were taken by various districts in lots of one or two thousand each. This is going pretty well for ten days; but those districts which have their club rooms at 312 E. Fifty-second street, will soon move into other and better quarters. At the last meeting, with Comrade Mayell in the chair, a partial report was made on the subject and the committee given instructions to proceed. Two new members were taken in and reports showed that good work is being done. Open-air meetings are being held in the 22d and 24th A. D., and have been very successful. Another meeting was arranged for Friday evening, Sept. 27, at Fifty-eighth street and First avenue. Indoor agitation has also been begun. On Sunday evening, Sept. 15, Comrade Lemon spoke at the club rooms on "Class-Consciousness." A valuable discussion followed on "Socialism vs. Anarchy." The regular course will begin on the regular weekly lecture of the Social Democrats of the 21st district, held at Colonial Hall, One Hundred and First street and Columbus avenue, last Sunday, but he did not appear. Comrade Hillquit, who was present, supplied the deficiency by giving a brief but excellent exposition of Socialism. He answered numerous questions, and while doing so, John S. Crosby, the noted Single Taxer, entered. In response to an invitation he spoke briefly and to the subject of Comrade Hillquit. Next Sunday evening Comrade Hanford will be the speaker. Every one is invited.

James J. Corbett seems to be learning capitalist tricks. Sued for \$528, he swears he hasn't a cent except for carfare, although it has cost him a hundred thousand dollars to live the past year.

Andrew Hess, formerly a Republican member of the New York Police Commission, has just got out of the bankruptcy courts. This is the best possible justice, just the same, and Jake will fight for it any day.

Quarterly dividends of Amalgamated Copper Company only 1 1/2 per cent, instead of 2 per cent. Such a shamefulness! And Rockefeller needs the money, too.

Andrew Carnegie has just given 15,000 of his dirty dollars to Laetzel, Strickland, for a public library. The dollars of Andy are worse than dirty. They are criminal.

Secret Service officers of the Federal government arrest about one thousand counterfeiters annually. A counterfeiter is really and truly a man who "makes" money. Morgan and Rockefeller will scoffless acknowledge that they "make" money. Why do the Socialists capture the government the Secret Service men will be compelled to extend their field of operations.

Not many years ago the detectives got a man named Brockway, who had been counterfeiting \$1,000 government bonds, which were printed from engraved plates equal to the original. The authorities, however, notwithstanding the most careful search, were unable to find the plates. So they made a dicker with Brockway, agreeing to let him out of jail if he would give up the plates. This he did. Socialists should remember this precedent. When some of the great ones of the earth find themselves locked up for "making" money it will be entirely safe to release them if they give up the tools of their trade.

Carnegie says "the man who dies rich dies disgraced." Andrew disgraced himself when he got rich, and in the light of modern instances one might well say that "to get rich is to be disgraced."

Marquand & Co., the brokers who are generally credited with being the cause of the recent National Bank failure, have liabilities of \$6,000,000 and assets of \$5,000,000. Like the good Christian gentlemen which they no doubt are they have done their customers and fellow brokers out of \$4,000,000, and yet they are bankrupt. But they will no doubt be ready to fight for the maintenance of this best possible system.

The \$4,000,000 which their creditors lose need not interest us. It was a case of dog eat dog, and one thief robbing another, and no workman need care the slightest which thief got it.

The important point is that the \$30,000,000 was first stolen from the workers only by voting for the political party of their own class, THE SOCIALIST PARTY, and electing to office men from their own class who will use every power of government and army and public treasury to support them in their strikes and struggles with the capitalists.

The annual convention of the American Bankers' Association will meet in Milwaukee, October 15, 16, and 17. The Central Federated Union and constituent bodies of organized labor should elect their delegates at once. The interests of labor and capital are identical, say the great ones of the earth, and the bankers will no doubt do anything that the laborers might ask.

The Czar gave \$200,000 to Paris poor. It cost \$200,000 to "entertain" him, and he is seeking to make a French loan of \$200,000,000. The Czar is right up to date. His gift of \$200,000 to the Paris poor bears just about the same ratio to the \$200,000,000 that he expects to get out of it that the services of the average American capitalist bears to the wealth he gets from the American workman.

In a damage suit against a railway company, tried in Philadelphia recently, a juror was challenged because he had a pass on the road. The counsel for the railroad maintained that holding a pass was insufficient ground on which to challenge a juror, at the same time stating that "the judges have passes on all roads." Note that this statement was made by the counsel for the railroad company, and he no doubt told the truth, for he was himself an ex-judge.

HANFORD WILL SPEAK.—Benjamin Hanford, our candidate for mayor of New York, will speak Sunday evening, Sept. 29, at Colonial Hall, One Hundred and First street and Columbus avenue. Comrades of the West Side should see that there is a large attendance at this meeting. Admission is free. All are invited. Discussion follows the lecture. Come, and bring your friends.

The right of the humblest human soul to the resources and liberty needed for living a complete and unfeared life is infinitely more sacred than the whole fabric and machinery of civilization.—George D. Herron.

THE MOUNT VERNON SOCIAL Democratic Party held a successful agitation meeting last Saturday evening. Rev. Lovojoy, a local Congressman minister, was one of the speakers. He is not a Socialist, but he impressed upon the audience the necessity of studying social problems. He was followed by Comrades I. Phillips and Wm. Mally. The local is a new one, but the comrades are enthusiastic and they expect to poll a good vote for the county ticket.

DAYTON, O.—LOCAL DAYTON, Socialist Party, adopted resolutions denouncing the attempt of the capitalist press to confuse Socialism with Anarchism, and pointing out the antagonism between the two. Copies of the resolutions have been sent to the daily papers of Dayton and the "Montgomery County Reporter."

NEW CASTLE, PA., PROMISES good news for the Socialist of the land when the ballots are next counted. A ticket has been put in the field, with W. J. White as candidate for Register and Jos. Holland for Coroner, and a hot campaign is being carried on.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—COMRADE Eugene V. Debs addressed over two thousand people at a meeting at New Castle, Pa., on Thursday, Sept. 19. The comrades are delighted with results.

UNITY IN ILLINOIS WAS CARRIED into effect at a state convention held in Chicago, Sept. 22.

OREGON SOCIALISTS HELD A mass state convention at Salem, Sept. 25, to complete organization.

TEXAS WILL ALSO HOLD A state convention to perfect organization, at Dallas, Oct. 9.

SIX NEW LOCALS APPLIED FOR charters and the Kentucky State Committee signified its adhesion to the new National Committee.

Comrade White writes: "Slowly but surely it is dawning upon the minds of the wealth-producers of this town that strikes in the industrial field are not the best weapons to use. 'Vote as you strike' will be the motto from now on."

FATHER MCGRADY, PASTOR OF St. Anthony's Church, Bellevue, Ky., who has taken an active part in Socialist propaganda, has challenged the Rev. Father Winney, of St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, O., to a debate. Father Winney, when denouncing Anarchy in a recent sermon, attempted to lay something of the blame upon Socialism, and Father McGrady has been quick to resent this slur upon the cause to the furtherance of which he has devoted so much time and effort by voice and pen. In the course of his challenge, Father McGrady says: "Socialism works for the highest interests of humanity. In denouncing Socialism and, by inclusion, the brotherhood of man, you are fighting against the very people from whom you derive your means of support. It is chiefly out of the earned-pittance of the toilers that men of your stamp build costly churches to a Redeemer whose most sacred social teachings you outrage."

I hereby agree to hire a hall and pay all the expenses of the debate. I am moved to challenge you in this fashion out of love for my fellow-man and from a genuine desire to illumine your ignorance to the end that you may, in turn, lead your flock out upon the great highways of light and truth."

THE MINNEAPOLIS SOCIALISTS have taken the opportunity afforded by the confused discussion of the recent assassination in the daily press to show that the doctrines of Socialism and Anarchism are diametrically opposite and to state the Socialist position. Comrades G. H. Lockwood and S. M. Holman have been allowed considerable space in the local press in the form of interviews and letters. The Minneapolis comrades issue a useful little leaflet known as "The Socialist," containing the party platform, definitions of Socialism, etc. According to its announcement it is "published tri-occasionally." We hope the occasions are frequent.

The constitution provides for a state committee of one delegate from each branch and three state officers—organizer, secretary, and treasurer; the officers, together with the delegates from branches near the seat of the committee, to constitute a quorum of the committee.

A committee of three, Comrades Carlsson, Herron, and White, was elected to canvass the referendum vote and was authorized to call the next convention and to act as state committee until that convention or until the election of delegates to the new state committee by the branches. The temporary state committee was instructed to investigate the cost of starting a party paper, and to make immediate provision for an agitator to make a tour of the state. New Haven and Hartford were nominated as seat of the state committee, one to be selected by referendum vote.

Copies of the proposed constitution will be sent to the locals in sufficient quantity so that every member will have one. Locals should take a vote on each provision in the constitution separately and return the vote for and against, together with any amendments, to the State Secretary, W. E. White, 229 Exchange street, New Haven, Conn., as soon as possible.

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MANHATTAN. FRIDAY, Sept. 27.—8th A. D.—S. E. Livingston and Orchard streets. 16th A. D.—N. W. Lewis and Stanton streets. 10th A. D.—S. W. Attorney and Houston streets. 24th A. D.—N. W. 58th street and First avenue. 33d A. D.—S. E. 112th street and Third avenue. 21st A. D.—N. E. 98th street and Amsterdam avenue.

SATURDAY, Sept. 28.—26th A. D.—N. W. 73d street and First avenue. 28th A. D.—N. E. 78th street and First avenue. 30th A. D.—N. W. 84th street and First avenue. 4th A. D.—S. E. Clinton street and E. Broadway. 12th A. D.—Junction Division and Grand streets. 10th A. D.—S. E. 4th street and Avenue B. 16th A. D.—N. W. 7th street and Avenue B.

MONDAY, Sept. 30.—10th A. D.—N. W. corner 4th street and Second avenue. 14th A. D.—N. E. 9th street and Second avenue. 18th A. D.—N. W. 16th street and Avenue A. 8th A. D.—N. E. Ludlow and Hester streets. 4th A. D.—N. E. Jackson and Munroe streets. 31st A. D.—119th street and Third avenue.

TUESDAY, Oct. 1.—16th A. D.—N. W. 4th street and Avenue D. 10th A. D.—S. E. Houston and Clinton streets. 12th A. D.—S. E. Rivington and Pitt streets. 22d A. D.—N. E. 41st street and Third avenue. 14th A. D.—N. E. 36th street and Third avenue.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 2.—11th A. D.—N. E. 35th street and Ninth avenue. 13th A. D.—N. E. 41st street and Ninth avenue. 15th A. D.—N. E. 47th street and Ninth avenue. 2d A. D.—N. W. Market and Henry streets. 4th A. D.—N. E. 23d A. D.—N. W. 125th street and Seventh avenue. 31st A. D.—N. W. 110th street and Madison avenue. 32d A. D.—N. W. 107th street and Third avenue. 12th A. D.—S. E. Broome and Suffolk streets.

BROOKLYN. FRIDAY, Sept. 27.—5th A. D.—N. E. Bedford and Flushing avenues. 15th A. D.—Manhattan avenue and Montrose avenue. SATURDAY, Sept. 28.—20th A. D.—S. W. Myrtle avenue and Stanhope street. 20th A. D.—DeKalb and Central avenues. MONDAY, Sept. 30.—19th A. D.—Jefferson street and Broadway. TUESDAY, Oct. 1.—20th A. D.—Hamm street and Hamburg avenue. 20th A. D.—Green and Central avenues. WEDNESDAY, Oct. 2.—12th A. D.—16th street and 8th avenue. THURSDAY, Oct. 3.—6th A. D.—Hopkins street and Summer avenue.

RICHMOND. SATURDAY, Sept. 28.—Richmond Turn Pike and Bay street, Tompkinsville. LECTURES IN 21ST A. D. The 21st A. D. has arranged a series of Sunday evening lectures to be held in Colonial Hall, One Hundred and First street and Columbus avenue, as follows: Sept. 29—Benjamin Hanford, our candidate for mayor. Oct. 6—Thos. R. McGuire, "Dangers of the Present Social Conditions." Oct. 13—H. Gaylord Wilshire, "Revolution Inevitable."

Oct. 20—Job Harriman and John S. Crosby, debate on Single Tax vs. Socialism. Oct. 27—Charles Frederick Adams, "One Conception of Social Democracy." Nov. 3—Algeron Lee, "Social Conditions and Social Ideals."

The plan, as will be seen, is to have an alternate Sunday, Socialist and opponents of Socialism, so that the audience will have a chance to hear both sides. Questions and general discussion will follow each lecture. Good music will also form a part of the program. Admission is free, and all are invited.

WHAT TRADE UNIONS DO. The trade unions have long been a buffer between capitalist greed and the working masses. Without their resistance the whole working class under modern capitalism would long since have sunk into a condition of degradation worse than chattel slavery. As an army in war time fights the battles of all the people, so the trade unions in their struggles against capital have been fighting the battles of the whole wage-working class. The shortening of the hours of labor, the raising of wages, the improvement of sanitary conditions, the better protection of life and limb achieved through the battles of the trade unions is just so much won for all the workers. Hence, the wage-worker, who, during a strike, takes the place of a striker, thereby gives aid and comfort to the enemies of his own class. What shall we say of such a man?—M. W. Wilkins.

Continue any gambling game long enough, however fair the players, and some one will quit with a full pocket and the rest will be broke. So continuous competition long enough and a handful of men will own all the wealth of the nation and all the rest of the people will dwell next door to hunger. —M. W. Wilkins.

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The Economic Struggle.

Four hundred collar cutters of Troy, N. Y., have been locked out for ten weeks and only five have deserted. All the trade unions of the city recently levied an assessment of \$1 on their members for the benefit of the men.

The annual report of the Republic Iron and Steel Company shows a deficit of more than a million dollars. The mills of the company were shut down for three months last year by a strike.

The bulletin of the State Department of Labor for the quarter ending June 31 shows by the returns from the labor organizations of New York state that in the months of April, May, and June the labor organizations of this state made a net gain of 10,715 in membership and attained the largest aggregate thus far reported—255,430, of whom 100,822 were women. This is an increase of more than 100,000 since June, 1897, and it is largely due to the spread of unionism in the interior of the state. Since 1898 New York City has gained fewer than 30,000 members, while the remainder of the state has gained 55,000 and has now for the first time an aggregate membership of 190,171. The trades making the largest gains in membership were the clothing, theatrical and building trades in New York City, and the metal and building trades in the interior towns and cities.

Comrade Panken spoke at the last special meeting of Bakers' Union No. 164, in the Bronx. There was a good attendance, and all showed a great interest in Comrade Panken's remarks. Next meeting a committee from the 34th and 35th A. D., Comrades Forster and Hohmann, will invite them to become members of the S. D. P. Let us hope for the best results.

P. J. McGuire, the recently ousted secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, has issued a circular letter, in which he attempts to throw the blame for his removal on the Socialists. In this connection it must be remembered that none of the executive officers of the Brotherhood are Socialists. Mr. McGuire's charge may be taken as a compliment to the Socialists and an admission of their growing influence in the trade unions, for he has long been one of our most bitter opponents.

The striking seamen and affiliated trades of San Francisco are confronted by a new problem. The Sailors' Union has been dragged into court by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which, after reciting the serious injury done by the defendants, individually and collectively, prays for damages against them for alleged violation of contract, boycotting, etc. There is now no longer any doubt, says the "Citizen," that the Pacific Coast capitalists will not rest until they have destroyed the power of the union. Various combines are working together toward this end, and the servile courts will do their bidding, so that any unionist who may own a little home or any other tangible wealth will have it confiscated. This is one of the fruits of "throwing away your vote" on capitalist parties.

A dispatch from Wilkes Barre, Pa., says the anthracite coal operators will enter into a conference with the miners to arrange a new scale, and that "the same interests that fought the Amalgamated Association will oppose making any concessions to the miners." The union-smashing conspiracy is on. Let the worker's fight it to the polls.

The longshoremen's strike in New Orleans has ended in victory. The rates of pay settled on are now the highest in any dock, says the "Citizen" in this country. They are 40 cents an hour for regular, 50 cents an hour for over, and 80 cents an hour for Sunday time. Handlers of grain get 50 cents an hour for regular, 75 cents for over, and \$1 for Sunday time. The Longshoremen's Union is made up of 900 negroes and 750 whites. The toilers of the town were worked in harmony through the struggle, and this sensible course resulted in success.

Workingmen of East New York should remember that C. L. Furman is the Socialist Democratic candidate for assemblyman in the 21st A. D. and S. J. Cullinan for alderman in the 60th aldermanic district. These are men who, if elected, would represent the interests of the working class, directly and exclusively, in the legislature and the board of aldermen.

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