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AGENTS, ATTENTION!

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A CHALLENGE FROM HANNA.

The Massachusetts papers print a significant dispatch from Washington, which we quote in part: "The Republican National Committee, through its chairman, Senator Hanna, yesterday took up the question of preventing the further spread of Socialism."

A HEARST LIE IS NAILED.

[The following letter from our comrade, John C. Chase, Ex-Mayor of Haverhill, is self-explanatory. It need only be noted that Comrade Chase has been for several months on a tour of the South, outside the circulation-field of the Hearst papers, and seldom spending more than one day in a city, so that his mail often did not reach him. This account for his failure to notice the "American" lie at an earlier day.]

LABOR'S IDEAL THAT OF PEACE.

Comrade Sieverman Replies to New Haven Preacher. Discussing Militia and Trade Unions, Socialist Speaker Denounces the Sort of Patriotism that Deliberately Sets Men Killing One Another.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 1.—Rev. Newman Smythe, pastor of Center Church, one of the most wealthy congregations in this city, recently made severe attacks upon the trade unions in an address to the New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

ENTERING WEDGE.

Minnesota Legislature is Considering Disfranchisement.

Resolution introduced as a Step Toward Taking from Non-Taxpayers the Right to Vote on Bond Issues. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 8.—Representative Cole introduced in the lower house of the Legislature yesterday a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Judiciary Committee to investigate the constitutionality of a law disfranchising non-taxpayers so far as votes upon any proposition involving the issue of school or municipal bonds are concerned.

STRIKERS MURDERED.

Terrible Story from West Virginia Coal Fields. Officer of United Mine Workers, on Investigation, Reports that Men Were Shot in Their Beds—Deputies Were Notorious Thugs.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 8.—The official report of Chris Evans, who was sent to the West Virginia coal fields to investigate the killing of colored miners at Atkinsville, has been received at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers.

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SOCIAL DEMOCRACY OR IMPERIAL DESPOTISM.

Alarmed by the frequency of strikes, the growth of trade unionism, the increasing demands of organized labor, the wide-spread spirit of discontent, uneasiness and sense of impending change, and warned of the gathering menace to their power by the enormous increase in the Socialist vote, the more far-seeing among the capitalists are taking thought of the future.

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THE PARTY'S EMBLEM.

In the state of New York, on account of certain provisions of the election laws, the Socialist Party is officially recognized under the name of Social Democratic Party, and its emblem is the Arm and Torch, as shown above.

If you are a Socialist but not a member of the party organization or if, being a member, you neglect to attend its meetings, you have no right to complain when you think that organization takes a wrong step or fails to take a right one.

Once more we remind readers that letters regarding the Daily Globe Fair should not be addressed to this office but to William Butcher, Secretary, at the Labor Lyceum, 64 East Fourth Street, New York.

TAXATION AND THE SUFFRAGE.

The capitalist class in the United States today is in the position of that reckless fellow in the Arabian tale, who conjured the demon out of the bottle to do his bidding, but could not conjure him back into the bottle when he grew rebellious.

A few years ago, when this fear of democracy began to disturb the peace of our better classes and they felt the need of some pretext for limiting the suffrage, they seized upon the ignorance of the poor—the poor whom they had so carefully kept in ignorance—as such a pretext, and thought first of undermining the system of popular self-government by attaching educational

qualifications to the suffrage. A little consideration and experience have shown them the stupidity of that plan. The votes of the ignorant workers are just the votes the capitalists can control; the votes they fear are those of the more intelligent and the better educated proletariat.

It is a far cry, this new or old-new theory, from that of the men who staked their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor on the proposition that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

We Socialists do not talk large of the natural rights of man. We do not found our conception of the state, as men did in the eighteenth century, on a supposed social contract by which each individual gives up a part of his natural liberty in exchange for the right of participating in the benefits of society.

THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party (the Social Democratic Party of New York) has passed through its second general election. Its growing power is indicated and its speedy victory foreshadowed by the great increase of its vote as shown in these figures.

This idea of government of the people by the politicians and for the property-owners is a very proper ideal for the property-owners and their politicians. We do not blame them for holding it.

We stand for universal suffrage, not on any sentimental or ideological grounds, but on the plain and practical ground that it is the only guarantee of a government that we can rely upon.

The two old parties, that which falsely swears by the names of Jefferson and Jackson and that which dishonors the memories of Adams and Lincoln, are alike implicated in this timid but persistent and insidious attack on popular government.

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With Poor Richard we are content to stand in this matter, oh practical gentlemen of the capitalist class. And unless history and the signs of the times deceive us, before you have opportunity to disfranchise us we will outvote you and demand back, even to the last farthing, that unearned private property in the socially created means of production which organized society has heretofore vested in your now useless and pernicious class.

A New York physician last Saturday put in one of the papers a four-line "want adv." offering \$5 to any healthy

man who would sell a part of the blood from his veins. He was overwhelmed with replies. Up to Tuesday evening he had read forty-four applications and many more lay unopened on his desk.

JUSTIFIED BY EXPERIENCE. "LONDON, March 6.—A dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, to the Times says that all the cabinet makers of Auckland have been locked out in consequence of a decision of the Arbitration Court raising their wages to 1s. 3d. per hour.

Perhaps some friends who, a year or two ago, were denouncing The Worker as "narrow, bigoted, intolerant and jealous," because The Worker declined to accept or even by silence to assent to the stories of "practical Socialism in New Zealand" then so enthusiastically published by some of our Socialist contemporaries in the West and elsewhere, will now admit—in the innermost recesses of their own hearts, at least—that they were unjust and that The Worker was right in standing for straight and uncompromising proletarian Socialism.

Compulsory arbitration is not Socialism nor a step toward Socialism, nor is it beneficial to the working class. Such public ownership as they have in New Zealand and many other places is not Socialism, nor is it a step toward Socialism in any ordinary sense of the phrase.

APPARENT DELAY EXPLAINED. It may not be such an altogether bad thing to lose one's temper a little, now and then. Some of the comrades think that is what we have done in our editorial remarks on the headquarters question the last two weeks.

Having got this information—which it was our right to have and to transmit to the party—let us make a general remark suggested by it.

The "Socialist Spirit" discontinues publication with the February number. It has been edited for a year and a half at Chicago by Franklin H. Wentworth, and general regret is expressed at its discontinuation.

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There can hardly be any valid objection, in a party like ours, to the publication at frequent intervals—say, weekly or fortnightly—by the National Secretary, of an official statement of propositions received from locals or from members of the National Committee and submitted to that body for consideration, of votes taken or being taken by it or the Quorum, and the like.

INCREASE IN MAINE. PORTLAND, Me., March 5.—The Socialist Party considerably increased its vote in the city elections in Maine this week, though without electing any of its candidates.

For information in regard to the Socialist Party in Massachusetts address Dan A. White, State Secretary, 607 Winterport Building, Boston.

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CAPITALISM OR SOCIALISM—WHICH?

By Ernest Untermann.

The Collectivist Society, in a recent bulletin, makes the following statement: "Government-owned railroads and mines would not be, under the present state, instruments of true Socialism. And yet it must be said that they are probably indispensable steps toward true Socialism. It is almost certain that we must pass through an era of non-Socialist public ownership before we reach the era of Socialism.

The majority of the Quorum will probably favor a submitting of the two referendums that are now before the Quorum, without endorsing my view that the referendum of Comrade Mally should be submitted first of all. For my part, while I fully recognize the right of the locals to vote their referendums any way they please, and my duty to submit them if filed in the proper way, as the two present referendums are, still I have since the duty to save us an unnecessary expense.

Who are the "less radical" Socialists to whom the Collectivist Society refers? Does the Collectivist Society consist of "radical" or of "less radical" Socialists? Or, to call a spade a spade, does that society consist of "middle-class" Socialists or of "proletarians"?

Local Poplar Bluff, Mo., has joined in the call for a referendum in favor of Chicago as national headquarters and Local Greater Pittsburg, Pa., adopts resolutions enthusiastically endorsing the stand of the Pennsylvania State Committee toward the Quorum as now organized.

RUSKIN UNIVERSITY. Rusk College, of Trenton, Mo., has been merged with ten institutions of about equal size into Rusk University. The university has an annual resident student enrollment of 2,500, corresponding to the number of 8,000, and a teaching force of 250. It is located at Glen Ely, a suburb of Chicago, where it will begin work on April 23 next with a \$100,000 capital building, surrounded by 110 acres of land.

Political Economy, Mrs. May Wood Simons: The Wealth Concept; Stages of Economic Development; Factors of Production; Labor; Capital; Value; Rent; Wages; Interest and Profit; Distributive Forces; Consumption; The State and Public Industry; State Revenues; State Expenditures; History of Economic Thought.

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LET OTHERS TEAR DOWN; OUR WORK IS TO BUILD. By Franklin H. Wentworth. William Randolph Hearst plus William Randolph Hearst's dollars—that is to say, his three newspapers—is a force to be reckoned with.

STRIKER BECOMES POLICE CHIEF. AMESBURY, Mass., March 7.—Four years ago last Monday Amesbury was the first town in the United States to elect a Socialist to its Board of Selectmen, and last Monday it definitely took rank as a Socialist municipality.

Darkness is but a shadow, a negation, the absence of something of Light. You can let the darkness alone; the people will follow the light when once they see it. It is time to turn from negations. Now is the psychological moment for the constructive Socialist message. Our word henceforth must be: VOTE, that ye may BUILD!

Enthusiasm and unity of effort will make the Socialist movement invincible. For the hour of entire reconstruction has struck. Action! Let the dead bury their dead! We must build and build!

