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equivocate and temporize and play with phrases. The time is apparently ripe for a new force in British politics—which can be no other than that of the working class—to come to the front and put some sort of reality in the place of the antiquated shams that still stand only because no one dares to meddle with them.

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of natives that has been so systematically carried on for the profit of King Leopold and the international gang of financiers who back him. The blacks of the Congo region owe to our comrades in Belgium the same debt that those of the German East Africa owe to the Social Democratic fraction in the Reichstag.

not only to know the local news directly or indirectly concerning our movement from all parts of the land, but also to know what sort of arguments the local old-party papers are using, so that we may get a general view of the situation on which to base a judgment of the best methods for serving the general cause, it is obviously impossible that The Worker should reply severally to all these many editorial attacks, which are commonly only a "rehash" of antiquated theories which the bourgeois economists themselves have abandoned long ago.

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ing to do with fraternity, with patriotism, with social service, with culture. It shows against these every-where-and-away. Those upon whom it settles inflames with picture of mankind as a mob of frantic combatants, wherein each must fight his way over fallen bodies to a place of vantage. Its effect is best seen in the special domain of "business" or trade. In other branches of human activity ethical survival is still observable; but in trade, speaking generally, cunning and duplicity determine all conduct, and though set rules of action have sometimes been established, they are but as the protective rules of conduct established by pirates and highwaymen, which are necessary wherever there is association in crime.—W. J. Ghent.

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If the decay of old political forms and traditions is showing itself at Westminster in the cynical levity of the Ministry and the stupid apathy of Parliament, it is showing itself at Washington and in all our states, and has been doing so for some years, especially since the beginning of the Spanish war, in a more active if not a more dangerous form. If the British political disease be described as anæmia, that of the United States is rather like apoplexy. There, the fear "lest a worse thing befall them" paralyses the political faculties of the ruling class; here, the mad greed for profit and power "grows by what it feeds on," and spurs them on to usurpation. The disproportionate legislative and executive weight of the Senate, with its long term, its indirect election, and its unequal representation of the voters; the almost despotic influence of the Speaker of the House, which, with the increase of legislative business due to the multiplicity of private interests involved, has rendered discussion in that body a farce, deliberation impossible, and "log-rolling" the only effective method of working; and the inordinate growth of the President's power, partly through definite enactment, partly through custom, and still more through the use of patronage—these things make the government of the United States to-day a very different sort of thing from what it was in the days of Jefferson or even in those of Lincoln, though the terms of the Constitution remain practically unaltered.

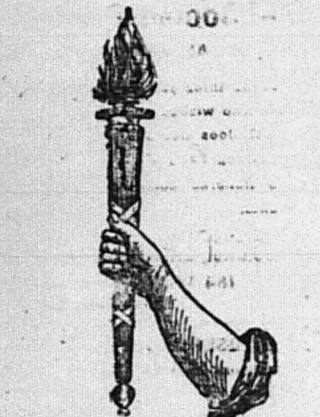
A QUESTION OF SOCIALIST ETHICS. While the congress at Dresden has been discussing the conditions under which a party member may rightly hold a position upon the capitalist press, the same question and another closely connected with it have come up practically in the East Side of New York City. Several men on the editorial and reportorial staff of one of the bourgeois Jewish dailies have gone on strike. Several of these men are Socialists. Some comrades maintain that these strikers deserve no sympathy from Socialists on the ground that they are "intellectual prostitutes."

Simultaneously occurs another incident which raises a similar question. A lawyer who is a member of the party has acted as counsel for an employer in getting an injunction against striking employees. The curious thing is that some of those who refuse sympathy to the Socialist writers on a capitalist paper yet find it in their hearts to defend the Socialist counsel asking for an injunction on behalf of an employer. It is seldom that we think it within the function of a party paper to express judgment upon a question of this sort before it has been passed upon by the party itself. In the present case we feel justified in speaking at once.

These pretended "refutations," stale and stupid as they commonly are, ought to be answered of course. But the proper persons to write the replies are the local comrades in the respective towns where these attacks are published. And the proper vehicle for carrying the reply to the readers of the attack is the very paper that has made the attack. Ben Hanford, in a personal letter to the editor of The Worker, written about three weeks after he started on his present propaganda tour, says: "I find that our comrades miss very many important opportunities. Especially, they do not use the local newspapers as they might—do not use them as much in some things as the proprietors themselves would like." We are convinced that he is right and that one of our best means of propaganda—practically without expense, moreover, which is an important point—is now generally neglected.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. Socialism looks to the past, the future, and the present. So we may say there are three kinds of Socialism—the Socialism of the past, the Socialism of the future and the Socialism of the present. A great deal of confusion would be avoided if these distinctions were kept in mind, and a great deal of controversy also. Socialism, looking to the past, is the scientific interpretation of history. Marxism revises the history of mankind as Darwinism revises the history of animals. To be ignorant of "economic determinism," that is, of "the materialistic conception of history," is to be ignorant of what Socialism teaches with respect to the past.

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OPEN-AIR MEETINGS IN NEW YORK

Open air agitation meetings will be held in Greater New York under the auspices of the Social Democratic Party or auxiliary organizations as below. All meetings will begin at 8 p. m. Speakers and platform committees should be on time and not make each other wait.

Seventy-third street and Third avenue, 7th A. D. Speakers: Streeter and Passafiume.
Harman street and Hamburg avenue, 20th A. D. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and Shafer.

Frank and France, List 2109... 2.00
P. E. Martin, List 474... 1.00
Beunhoeber, List 90... 2.75
Beer Drivers' Union, Lists 3219-20... 14.85
James Hill, List 78... 2.00

acquired another paper, the "Galeton Worker," which will also be conducted as a Socialist paper.
The Sunday evening educational meetings which have been conducted for some time in C. L. U. Hall, Wilkes-Barre, are proving very beneficial to the local movement.

Michigan. By November next the great campaign of 1930, to last the whole year will be begun, and initial steps are already being taken to provide the necessary funds for a vigorous campaign in the year of the presidential election.

Lee, though intended more particularly for party members, is well adapted to give the inquirer into Socialism an idea of the methods and spirit of our party and the reasons why he should join it, and should be widely circulated.

VOTE FOR SUCH LAWS AS THIS! The Socialist members of the Massachusetts Legislature, among other bills for the benefit of the Working Class, introduced and fought for one requiring that when a boss whose men were on strike or locked out advertised for other men he must state the fact of a strike or lock-out existing.
This bill was denounced by the Capitalists. The Republicans and Democrats voted it down.
You Workingmen who have struck or been locked out and seen other men brought in under false pretenses YOU know that such a law is JUST and NECESSARY.
That bill represents the sort of laws that Socialists demand.
The way to get such laws is to put Socialists into every Legislature and City Council in the land. YOU have the votes.
The Socialists of New York are officially known as the Social Democratic Party. Vote under the ARM AND TORCH.
National Platform of the Socialist Party.
[Note.—In New York and Wisconsin this party is officially recognized under the name of Social Democratic Party. The party in New York is the Arm and Torch.]

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

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