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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 the Socialist Democratic Party, and its emblem is the Arm and Torch, as shown above.

THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party of the United States is the only party in the United States that has secured the support of the laboring classes.

SEND THE FULL QUOTA TO THE CONVENTION. The election of delegates to the national convention is now coming before the party all over the country.

It is true, this involves a considerable expense. If the convention of 1901, when it framed the constitution, had anticipated the growth of the party membership that has actually taken place, it would probably have made the basis of representation one to every hundred.

A full attendance is desirable for the effect it will have upon the outside public. We should show that people that we are capable of big things.

Again, a full quota from each state is desirable for the reason that some states will certainly send their full number, and that it is to be wished that the convention should fairly and proportionately represent the membership in all parts of the country.

Yet again, a full attendance is to be desired for its effect upon the party itself as a demonstration of strength and enthusiasm, as well as for the benefit to be gained from so large a number of comrades coming from all parts of the United States, meeting and getting acquainted with each other and learning from each other.

The work of the Chicago convention, if we forecast rightly, will be quietly constructive, not noisy, not controversial, not factional, not negative, as is so often necessarily the case. We have made a great deal of experience in the last three years.

The Rochester "Herald," in an editorial paragraph, congratulates its readers on the fact that "The Flower City is now in a position to go to Andrew Carnegie, with his hand asking for a donation for a library." Just wherein consists the city's present qualification for the rôle of supplicant at the Steel King's throne, the "Herald" does not say.

against workmen that gives Rochester that claim? If so, the millionaire should not wait even to be asked. A city whose rulers so disgrace it deserves the odious stigma of a Carnegie library.

FOR THE FIFTY THOUSAND.

The safest and surest way to make converts to the principles of Socialism is by inducing those who are not yet Socialists to read our literature. While we may and undoubtedly do differ, as to the relative merits of the various propaganda mediums now published, we believe all can agree that The Worker is in certain respects the leading Socialist weekly: First, because it treats the question from a scientific standpoint and is fearlessly uncompromising; second, because it gives the party news in condensed form more completely than any other paper; third, because it is published by an association of workmen for propaganda purposes and not for profit, and every cent of expense is spent in improving the paper in every respect.

It is also a fact that The Worker has nowhere near the circulation it should have. This has been true in the past and we are sorry to say, is still true. But we hope that the effort now being made will be met by the comrades everywhere with renewed activity in pushing the circulation at least to the fifty-thousand mark.

Many of the comrades who formerly gave us every assistance have transferred their efforts to local or state papers. This, of course, is as it should be, and we certainly are not desirous of discouraging them in any way. But it will probably be generally recognized that the movement needs a central organ of expression, a paper that has a general circulation, both for propaganda purposes and for party work.

We are again trying actively to interest the comrades, East, West, North, and South, in pushing the circulation of The Worker to where it should be. With a little help we shall have the desired fifty thousand readers and the paper will be for the first time on a really sound financial basis, which will permit of improvements in the future.

Will you all help us just a little? A little from each comrade will work wonders. Make up your mind to send us at least one subscription next week. If this is done our subscription list will be doubled in one week. If you can get more than one, so much the better.

Let us suggest a few "don'ts" to you: Don't say "yes" to all that has been said here and then file your paper away.

Don't wait for the other comrade to do something, but set him a good example by doing something yourself.

Don't agree that The Worker ought to have fifty thousand readers at least and then not get on.

Don't make the good intention answer for the deed.

Don't forget to send in at least one new subscription next week.

Don't stop at one, but get more, if possible.

Don't be afraid of swamping us with mail. We will get out from under it somehow, no matter how often you let us see your handwriting.

In an interview printed in the Boston "Globe" last Sunday, Bishop Potter twists the declaration that labor produces all wealth into the form, "wealth has been created by mere muscular force, that is, by the work of the day laborer."

One hundred and six years ago the people of this country were on the point of taking up arms against the enforcement of just such a law as John Turner is now held under. The Alien and Sedition Laws, forced through Congress by the old Federalist party, proved the undoing of that reactionary body. Will not the workingmen of the United States in 1904 show the same spirit their predecessors showed in 1798 and deem to oblivion the suppressors of free speech?

A capitalist daily up in Connecticut, the New London "Day" - a very dark and misty day - says "a very dark day" is, too, remarks about John Turner: "That man Turner means mischief and nothing else, and that being the

ALL THE WORLD'S THE STAGE.

By Horace Traubel.

Here you are. Laid off in the middle of the season. So your play went broke? Yes. The troupe has folded. It was a failure, eh? Well, the audience did it. And therefore you're home again. Or homeless. For you come back without a cent. And a man without a cent and without prospects is not going to build much of a home. And you loiter round trying to explain to yourself how it came about. How it is that of all the businesses the business of the theatre is most outraged and most precarious.

Current Literature

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.

By Thomas E. Watson. New York, Appleton, 1903. Cloth, 534 pp. Price, \$2.50. Mr. Watson complains, with a good deal of reason, that American history and biography has been written by Northern men under the influence of sectional feeling. Northern men have been "writing it" the South and Southern men, so far as they have written on such subjects have been "written back at" the North.

special providences. You will be taken care of in the total benefaction. Your fortunes will be restored in the general fortune. Do you propose to step aside and call upon the occasion to pay you its debts? You have got to join the procession. You have no right to nurse your private woes. History will not devote itself to your case. Your case will be settled in the settlement of the larger case. Your case is not forgotten. But your case must not forget. If you imagine that it is not important a matter to justice to have you play a part on the stage than for a printer to set type at the case, than for the paver to pave stones in the street, then you have got your perspective wrong. The trouble is that too many people are willing to be happy all by themselves. That is why you are to-day miserable all by yourself. The only joy of justice, the only joy of the carpenter, the bricklayer, the laborer, the factory hand, the bun, the tramp, the criminal and the suicide. If you can explain the situation of the tramp you can explain the situation of the actor. If you will explain why the laborer is half paid or out of work I will explain why your company wants to please and why you may not get any part to play next season.

favoured the independence of the individual producer, whether in agriculture or in industry. The American Revolution was essentially a revolt of a population of small producers, aspiring to the sort of development which these natural and social conditions invited, against arbitrary and artificial trammels imposed in the interest of the ruling and possessing class in the mother country. National independence being achieved, it was necessary to resist the attempt of the nascent capitalist class within the borders of the new nation to re-impose similar restrictions upon the free enterprise of the people of the early days of the Republic.

THE CALAMITY OF A DIVIDED INTEREST.

By Peter E. Burrowes.

No word in human speech signifies a thing so potent as the word "interest." When we consider life as an incessant play of activities, an unceasing movement, all nature becomes reduced to three expressions: First, the common dynamic of creation which, in moving all things, includes the movements of the minds of men; second, the human conscious interest, or word which wills the will and so directs the opinions of men; third, the objectives or auxiliary things of human use and experience, tools, garnitures, goods, properties. From the first through the second to the third, and from the third through the second back to the first seems to be the whole play of life.

While we are yet struggling with one another to live we are but animals struggling with humanity, until we begin to cooperate and shall begin to be men. Therefore the circumstances which brought men to live together in great cities as workers and superseeded the necessity for such a struggle, have become our saving circumstances, and the class whose interest will at last compel it to own all the modern instruments of labor saving, and which is compelled to organize on the largest scale of space and numbers is the saving class.

rightly follow. You who have philosophical vision, let your philosophical statement wait and grow; you who have religious instincts, let your creed wait its formulation while these instincts are being socialized by your efforts for industrial equality, for not until we are socialized shall we have a volition of which a God need not be ashamed. To become conscious that we are credibly and spiritually subjectivized to that side of the economic interest which is ours is the most searching of spiritual revelations; before this all other practical truths take minor places. It compels the man who desires a fair mind to fight for a fair mind; the mere mediator, the man who would evolve truth out of his inner consciousness, it casts aside and calls in the name of affairs, it raises political life to the dignity of religion, to an ethic and a religion. I therefore say to you who profess to be in search of truth that the thing you are in search of is a right mind; and Socialism, with its program of industrial equality, gives you the slogan for righteousness of mind. Equality alone can open the spiritual sources of humanity; equality alone is the answer to man's long pursuit of happiness.

(including our masters, guided by the clearly perceived right and interest of all, warmed by an unfeared and unflinching fellowship and pulsing by the common joy.) There is no such thing as life quietness. No such thing as that which we think of when we speak of more existence. Life is indeed a struggle, but not for the impossible quietness, nor for mere existence, because such a mere existence does not exist. It is the race struggling for a better way of going, always for going and for its better way, always for doing and thinking but always for more togetherness in what we do and think. This is the program of life; this is the daughter and the doom of capitalism; this is the inevitable assessment with which vulgar every-day proletarian Socialism is charged, - making the poor, blind workman struggling in his unions and in his ballot boxes, to be the inextinguishable missionary of the race, Ho, Hanna, Roosevelt, Darry, ye men of plunder and the divided interest, come into your country or die to the mountains - the race requires you to come or go. But with or without you we shall go on, with hands and feet, and every force and faculty of men seeking for and working out together the unretarded way.

ROOM AT THE TOP.

We were taught to believe "There is always room at the top," but the older we grow and the harder we try to realize a little of it, the more we realize the evil in such a belief. Progress and plenty, with justice and equal opportunities, for all and special privileges for none, is a much higher and nobler incentive for the stimulation of life. - W. L. Prince.

DEBS SPEAKS TO MINERS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29. - Eugene V. Debs addressed the convention of the United Mine Workers here last night. Although it was after 9 o'clock when he began, his train having been delayed, he held the closest attention of the eight hundred delegates for an hour and a half. He made a bold and eloquent plea that workmen should enter the political field instead of confining their efforts to the strike and boycott and ballot.

AN INFANTILE RIOTER.

During the trolley strike in Chicago recently, the first attempt at violence occurred when a little six-year-old girl stepped through the line of policemen and, taking up her position on the tracks, stamped her feet and cried out to the motorists: "You want my papa's job away?" She was caught up by a burly, good-natured officer, as she threw a stone at the car window, who chided her with a grin, saying: "He would wild you, now." He knew, and all the world knows in its deepest heart, that the infantile "riot" had a clearer conception of the ethics of labor than she might have afforded a few courses at Harvard under President Eliot.



