

REACTION THREATENED.

Capitalist Parties in Germany, Alarmed by Socialist Gains Plan Attack on Universal Suffrage—Meanwhile Socialism Still Grows.

The great increase of the Socialist vote in Germany at the last general election has very thoroughly frightened the capitalist parties.

The "Preussische Jahrbücher," which is a very well informed and reliable publication, declares that some Prussian Conservatives contemplate dissolution of the empire itself and its immediate reconstruction with universal suffrage eliminated.

The Bismarckian "Nachrichten" in Hamburg, the Conservative "Kreuz Zeitung" and the Protestant "Reichsbote," both of Berlin, are all advocating immediate measures to restrict the suffrage.

All intelligent men are saying to themselves that the prevailing Reichstag suffrage will lead to the destruction of the empire, because it hands the Reichstag over more and more to the Socialists and the Ultraright.

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Ben Hanford begins his work as Vice-Presidential candidate on July 17 at Rockland, Me., afterwards filling the following dates: July 18, Bath; July 19, Lewiston; July 20, Portland; July 21, Biddeford; July 22, Brockton, Mass.—(Socialist Candidate); July 23, Nashua, N. H.; July 24, Manchester, N. H.; July 27, Concord, N. H.; From July 30 to Aug. 4 he will be in Vermont, and then go to Danville, Ill., for Aug. 7, speaking at a Chautauque that afternoon. Hanford will then tour in southern Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota.

John Spargo will make a western tour beginning the end of August, at Indianapolis and ending in Memphis. At that time he will be brought into contact with the French workingmen during the campaign.

PARTY NEWS.

The Quorum met at national headquarters on July 15. National Organizer Wilkins reports encouragingly about his work of getting the West Virginia organization into good shape and predicts substantial progress for the future.

The printed report of the national convention proceedings has been unavoidably delayed beyond the time it was expected to be ready.

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