

NEW YORK "CALL."

A DAILY TRADE UNION AND SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER to be published in the interests of THE WORKING CLASS...

SHAFFER ON ROOSEVELT.

"No Politics in the Union," If You Please.

Steel Workers' President Grossly Insults the Intelligence of His Constituents by Officially Endorsing the Friend of Parry and Peabody.

Theodore J. Shaffer, President of the Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers, is a type of the sort of labor leaders that Socialists oppose...

President Shaffer is one of that coterie of men high in official position in the trade-union movement whose war against Socialism has been "No politics in the trade union."

President Roosevelt is essentially a people's man. He is a man of the masses, and his whole soul goes out toward those who have to work for wages.

He has studied the industrial question of our country for himself, and he clearly understands how labor can be crushed by capital. He has most emphatically declared himself on this point. He has publicly stated time and time again that, as far as he is concerned, labor must be fairly dealt with by capital, even though stringent laws have to be enacted to accomplish the object.

I firmly believe that President Roosevelt intends to knock on the head every illegal combination of capital there is in the country.

It is well known that Shaffer is an applicant for the succession to Carroll D. Wright's job of Labor Commissioner. It is to be expected—and with regret—that he will get it now, having earned it at such a cost to his self-respect.

SOCIALISTS DEFEAT OBNOXIOUS LAW.

Michigan Statute Imposing Tax on Nominations of Candidates is Declared Invalid on Our Protest.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 4.—The Socialists here have won an important victory in the courts.

The primary law prevailing in Kent County provides that nominations shall be made only in primaries and that a certain fee must be paid for every candidate's name placed on the primary ballot.

As an attempt may be made in other states to introduce this fee system for the purpose of eliminating parties that have no big "interest," the comrades should take notice of this decision.

ENGLISH SOCIALIST CO-OPERATION.

The Socialists of Northampton, England, run co-operative shoe works, the profits from which go to the "war chest" or campaign fund of the Social Democratic Federation.

CLOSER UNION OF LONGSHOREMEN

The American and British organizations of longshoremen are planning to amalgamate. The united body will start with 150,000 members, and expects to gain many more in a short time.

EVENTS IN ITALY.

Last Sunday's General Elections and the General Strike in September.

It is impossible as yet to get any clear idea of the general elections in Italy, which took place on Nov. 6. It is clear that a powerful coalition was formed by the government, including Liberals, Conservatives, Clericals and, in general, all that are commonly described as the "forces of order."

It seems, from such dispatches as have been received, that the Socialist vote has been reduced. This, however, by no means indicates a reduction of the real Socialist strength, but only a sharper drawing of the lines.

Of the general strike a writer for the London "Labor Leader" writes: "To appreciate the serious nature of the events of last month in Italy there are certain facts to be borne in mind."

For months past there had been small strikes in various parts of the country, all due to local conditions of some kind. In some of these the military was called out by the chief of police, and fired on the strikers, in every case but one for truly pitiful reasons—such, for example, as the knocking off of the hat of the chief of police.

The practical movement had its origin at Milan, where the strike was most successful and most prolonged, lasting for five days from Saturday—longer than the parliamentary leaders hoped for, indeed, wished. It was proclaimed by the Camera del Lavoro (Labor Council) and during those five days the city was entirely in the hands of that body.

On the day of the grand parade and oration in honor of the detachment of the "Arbeiter Zeitung" called on all the "backwards" to assemble near the City Hall and let the magistrate know what they thought of him.

The Executive of the Social Democratic Party of Germany sent the fraternal greetings of the "miserable wretches" of their land—such and for the solidarity of labor regardless of racial or religious lines.

The completely successful counter-demonstration has made a great impression. "Justice" says: "The Anti-Semitic majority in the Lower Austrian Landtag are preparing a measure to hand over popular education more completely than ever to the priests."

WORK OF WRIGHT'S LABOR DEPARTMENT.

Cheap labor is wanted in the South. The appeal of the cotton planters to Southern Congressmen to ask government aid in securing plenty of labor has been acted upon.

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PARTY NEWS.

National.

The National Campaign Fund increased by \$622.11 during the week ending Nov. 3, of which \$532.44 was received as regular contributions and \$29.67 on a half-day pay fund, making a total to date of \$9,242.22.

Comrades having lists and coin cards upon which they have collected are urged to send in the amounts immediately, as the National Secretary is anxious to clean up all outstanding bills during the month of November.

The referendum of the Socialist Party of Idaho has endorsed the action of the state convention in electing T. J. Conroy as State Secretary by a vote of 141 to 79.

The National Forum at its meeting held Oct. 17 instructed the National Secretary to call for nominations for the election by the National Committee of the National Executive Committee and the National Secretary on Dec. 1, 1904, the nominations to close Dec. 22, declarations and acceptances to close Jan. 1, 1905, the election to extend from Jan. 1 to Jan. 22.

FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

Social Democratic Federation Energetically Pressing Its Demand for Special Session.

The Boards of Guardians (local poor relief authorities) of Shoreditch, Hackney, West Ham, St. Pancras, Poplar, and other English municipal bodies have joined in the demand inaugurated by the Social Democratic Federation and the London Trades Council for a special session of Parliament to deal with the question of the unemployed.

The S. D. F. in its letter to Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, puts the responsibility on the government in these words: "If Parliament can be specially summoned when it is a question of the destruction of life for the benefit of millionaire agricultural owners, as in the case of the South African war, surely it is not too much to expect that our legislature will be ready to deal with the question of the labor of those out of work who may be usefully employed and organized."

SPOILED THE MAYOR'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Dr. Karl Lueger, the Burgomaster of Vienna, and his Antisemitic supporters planned a great celebration in honor of his birthday, but the Social Democrats very effectively turned it into an occasion of "raffish" jokes.

George Hoewer, Jr., will speak on "The Difference Between Anarchy and Socialism," Sunday, Nov. 13, at 8 p. m., in Homestead Hall, 474 Washington street, Boston. Admission is free.

New Jersey.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, a meeting was held in Union Hall, Riverside, Paterson, Comrade Headley spoke in English and Comrade Wessch in New York of the German language.

Pennsylvania.

A grand rally will be held at the Philadelphia Labor Lyceum, Monday evening, Nov. 14. "Every comrade should be present, with a friend or two."

New York State.

The debate held Sunday afternoon at New Rochelle between Algeron Lee on behalf of the Social Democratic Party and Edmund C. Rathenau, Democratic candidate in the Second Assembly District of Westchester County, undoubtedly brought many votes to the Socialist ticket.

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