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A BLUNDER-IF REPEATED, A CRIME. It is our duty—a somewhat painful duty, under the circumstances, but a duty we have no wish to shirk—to warn Socialist workmen against certain alluring advertisements and prospectuses of get-rich-quick 'co-operative' schemes that are now being put before them.

There is no use of making words. We refer to the three-page advertisement which appeared in the "Appeal to Reason" of Nov. 26. It has every earmark of fraud, as certainly as the advertisements of poisonous patent medicines and worthless copper-nickel stocks that appear daily in the capitalist papers.

We do not unqualifiedly accuse the "Appeal" of such crime. We do not know what are the ideals of that paper in the matter of advertising. Maybe its publishers have not thought of their responsibility, even in the content of their advertising columns, as publishers of an avowed Socialist paper.

The Worker could get scab ads, and truck medicine ads, and fake business ads, every week in the year, and get rich, and not have to appeal to its readers to help push the circulation.

All advertised get-rich-quick schemes, all advertised schemes for workmen to escape from poverty by some hocus-pocus which they do not understand but for which they must trust the advertisers, are humbugs. Co-operation is one thing. A Miller syndicate scheme under the mask of co-operation is something else.

It is between him and his conscience and the law. But we Socialists know that the chances are at least twenty to one on the side of failure. It is our business to warn him against the enticements of the speculator on human greed, not to allow the columns of our paper to be used to tempt him.

FRINGED? What was meant by the word, "fringed" is shown daily, as every student of American history knows, and what was then the general practice, was just what Comrade Berger proposed at San Francisco—the "armed nation," with every man a militiaman, ready to defend popular rights against military or other usurpation.

ITALY'S RECENT GENERAL STRIKE. A Writer in "La Vie Socialiste" Reviews It and Concludes That It Must Be Regarded as an Important and Successful Movement.

We extract the following account of the Italian general strike in September from an article by A. Tibbo in "La Vie Socialiste" for Nov. 5:

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The climate of Panama has been found so deadly to men from temperate climes that there will be great difficulty in getting free wage-slaves to dig the canal.

NOTE COMMENT AND ANSWER. A Western comrade asks about the significance of the red flag of Socialism. It would be hard to say when the red flag first came to be considered as the standard of the toilers and the oppressed.

Our attention is called to an editorial in the Wilkes-Barre Pa., "Record" in praise of the American Federation of Labor convention for defeating Victor Berger's motion favoring the abolition of that select body of armed supporters of lawlessness known as the National Guard.

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AN ELEMENTARY COURSE IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICS. An Attempt Toward a Systematic Explanation in Popular Language of the Principles of Scientific Socialism — The First Question: "What is Science?"

The purpose of the present series of articles—which is founded upon a similar series by the same writer, published in The Worker in the summer of 1933—is to give, in as popular language as the writer can command, a systematic statement of the main outlines of Scientific Socialism and political theory.

I. What is Science? We frequently speak of the Scientific method as the uncompromising Socialist parties of the civilized world as "scientific" Socialism, to distinguish it from various reform movements and various fads, to which the name of Socialism is given either by their adherents or by uninformed critics.

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Through the discovery of this and other laws (all discovered by observation, not by guesswork or inspiration), it is possible for us to predict how any body will move under certain circumstances. If we wish to make a pendulum that shall vibrate a certain number of times in a second, we do not have to "cut and try" as our ancestors would have had to do before these discoveries were made.

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT. Some Straight Talk About Circulation and a Plan for Making It Grow Faster.

Have you stopped to consider, comrades, what the Socialist movement would do without its paper? papers? What a catastrophe! The Worker is it. It keeps the thousands of Socialists all over the country in touch with each other, helps us each week to renew our enthusiasm for the cause, to say nothing of its educational value.

Several weeks ago the publishers took us into their confidence and frankly stated that the paper was being published at a loss, the deficit being made up by the "Volkszeitung" and appealed to the comrades for greater support.

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NEW YORK "CALL."

A DAILY TRADE UNION AND SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER... TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING CLASS...

WORKINGMEN, THIS IS TO BE YOUR PAPER. Organized by workmen and controlled by the delegates to the conferences...

COLLECTIVIST SOCIETY.

Some Account of this Organization and the Discussion Held at its Recent Annual Dinner.

The second general meeting and dinner of the Collectivist Society was held at Peck's restaurant, Fulton street, New York City, Nov. 10...

The Collectivist Society is an organization formed for the purpose of disseminating Socialist literature among the professional classes...

The tendencies of the body have been, however, more and more in the direction of the orthodox Socialist position...

A report from the Publication Committee was made. An increasing interest in the subject of Socialism was shown by a comparison of the percentage of requests for pamphlets...

The Rev. Lawrence R. Howard of Plainfield, N. J., said that he had never voted any other than a Socialist ticket. The reason for this had not been an unquestioning acceptance of the Socialist creed...

Mrs. Darwin J. Mapple of Brooklyn spoke of the collapse of the Democratic party and the failure of the Populist party...

George H. Strobel of Newark, one of the founders of the Society, spoke briefly of the work of the Socialist Party in New Jersey during the recent campaign...

Algeron Lee, describing himself as among the strictest of the orthodox, and insisting on the class struggle as the most important point in Socialist theory and practice...

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The advice is good and should be forgotten to heart. It is not to be forgotten that the quiet work which thousands of individual comrades are doing from day to day among their friends and acquaintances in the shop and in the union...

SOME PRESENT NEEDS.

In the November issue of the "International Socialist Review" writes as follows of the task before us: Right here, as we are receiving the election returns of gain for the Socialist Party, the political organization of the working class...

The National Secretary is compiling a list of the best Socialist speakers who will work during the winter under the direction of the national headquarters...

How many comrades will take the hint given by Comrade Nicholson and send a Christmas present to the national office...

Between 400 and 500 people turned out to hear Gaylord Wilshire speak at the Labor Lyceum in Philadelphia...

A straw that shows the way the wind blows is the fact that the wind blows in the direction of the Socialist Party in Philadelphia...

Philadelphia has nominated a full city ticket and the spring campaign is on...

Schenck County has opened the spring campaign with a full county ticket. The convention also passed resolutions approving the actions of the Socialist delegates...

The National Secretary comments as follows: I believe it only necessary for me to say...

The Manchester local has engaged Knights of Honor Hall on Hanover street and has a series of Socialist meetings on Sunday afternoons...

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Philadelphia did in the last campaign. The local started the campaign over \$300 in debt and with a crippled organization...

State Secretary Chase reports on the finances of the campaign, July 1 to Nov. 20, as follows: Receipts—Campaign donations, \$1,220.90...

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SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT AND BALL

ARRANGED BY THE DOWN TOWN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, TO BE HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1904, at 8 P. M., GRAND AMERICAN HALL, 7 and 9 SECOND AVENUE.

CONCERT BY NEW YORK LETTER CARRIERS' BAND SIXTY PIECES. Frank E. Houts, Bandmaster. Address by JOHN SPARGO. Dance music by Local 310, A. F. of M.

only enable the State Committee to carry on education and organization, but will help each local to do more work.

During the campaign several new locals were organized and in some cases this makes it possible for the county to become an organized county according to the state constitution of the party...

At Colonial Hall, One Hundred and First street and Columbus avenue, on Sunday evening, Dec. 4, in the Silver Union lecture there will be a meeting devoted to the discussion of the recent election. Peter E. Burrows will preside.

The Socialist Literary Society has already begun the campaign for 1905. A large and comfortable reading room has been opened at the public, at 232 East Broadway also a tea kitchen. On Friday evenings debates are held on the vital topics of the day...

Charles H. Metchett will lecture on "The Suffrage Question" at the West Side Headquarters, 538 Eighth avenue, Sunday evening, Dec. 4, 8 o'clock.

The comrades of the 16th A. D. have decided to build up a strong organization and do all it is able to power to reach the 900 men in that district who voted for Socialism on Nov. 8...

A Socialist Agitation Club has been organized in the 22d A. D., which hopes to have classrooms in the near future. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2:30 p. m.

A joint meeting of all the comrades from the 21st, 23d, 21st and 34th A. D. for the purpose of organizing the Harlem Agitation Committee and also to devise ways and means for carrying a systematic agitation during the winter will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., Dec. 4, at Colonial Building...

Regular meeting City Executive Committee, Nov. 21. Chairman, Edwards. Present: Edwards, Egerton, Kelly, Lichtschien, Nathan, Orland, Obriet, Solomon, Spindler, Staring, Abriet, excited; Ehret. Absent, unexcused: Flick, Fishman, Lane, Mielchenhausen, Van Ness.

Report of Committee on Organization and Education taken up in detail. Organizer instructed to write to assembly districts comprising West Side, Agitation District, notifying that it is imperative that they send delegates to Agitation Committee...

Motion carried that the qualifications of all nominees of the General Committee, for officers, committees, or candidates for referendum, be discussed in committee before nominees are balloted for.

Motion carried that each Assembly District and Agitation District must have Organizer and Literature Agent. Motion carried that committee recommended that a school for speakers and those who wish to qualify as such, be established in some centrally located hall...

Motion carried that books now at local headquarters be transferred to rooms of W. E. A. Motion carried that the elective members of the City Executive Committee be appointed to act as representatives of the Executive Committee in the various Agitation Districts.

Algeron Lee will speak on "Socialist Policy and Party Reform" on Sunday evening, Dec. 4, in the Silver Building, 315 Washington street. Charles Uff of New Jersey will lecture in Buffalo Hall, Buffalo avenue and Fulton street, Sunday evening, Dec. 4. All comers are welcome.

At the last meeting of the Young People's Social Democratic Club of Brooklyn, Comrade Sachleben in the chair, five new members were admitted. The club decided to have lectures every Sunday afternoon, beginning in Jersey Union No. 211 on Dec. 10, in a body. Twenty-five tickets of the 19th-17th A. D. were accepted and will be distributed. It was decided to purchase \$3 worth of books. The club also purchased a copy of Lucy E. Parsons' "Life of Albert R. Parsons."

Courtenay Lemon will speak on "The Nature of Capitalism" before the William Murray Educational Society, in To-back's Hall, corner of Pitkin and Thinford avenues, on Friday evening, Dec. 2. Campaign Secretary Schaefer acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions to the Kings County campaign fund: Kranken Kasse, Br. 87 (second contribution), \$11; Greenwood, List 568, \$2; John Mulsien, \$1; Brann, List 593, \$1; A. Danilov, \$2; J. Bochin, List 851, \$2.25; M. Janda, List 832, \$4.75; H. Peters, List 612, \$4.50; G. Peters, List 694, \$3.50; C. Jungbuhl, List 607, \$3.05; J. A. F. Hut 600, \$1; Fred Loebel, List 583, \$5; Bricklayers No. 9, Lists 831 & 2, \$7.75; V. Malby, List 515, \$2; John Schwenk, \$1; Fehleford, \$20; Frank Schweizer, \$5; Otto Mueller, \$1; Michel, List 861, \$4.45; Kinder Stierbe Kasse, Br. 135, \$5; Koehler, List 526, \$4.50; Lutz, List 635, \$1; C. Turner, List 594, \$1.25; Koehler, List 705, \$1; Maas, List 864, \$2.25; F. A. D., \$2; Kranken Kasse, Br. 135, \$15; Baillinger, List 500, \$1; Joseph Katsch, List 661, \$12; O. Jann, List 852, \$1; S. Kranken Kasse, Br. 135, \$1; Soc. Br. 5, \$1; W. Koenig, List 674, \$1.50; H. Dixon, List 206, \$1; Gerlach, List 648, \$3; H. Troeger, List 617, \$2.25; A. Droste, List 744, \$3; P. D., \$2; W. Jorgensfeld, List 654, \$11.75; A. Reich, List 649, \$2.15; Kohlend, List 513, \$1.25; J. F. Loecher, List 574, \$9.50; H. Meyer, List 612, \$3.25; Cantorius, List 578, \$2.50; Blumberg, List 619, \$4; Brewers No. 69, List 202, \$50; T. Theobald, List 712, \$1.85; Young People's S. D. Club, second donation, \$5; A. Chertke, List 548, \$1; R. Muller, List 665, \$2.50; Theo. F. Cuno, \$1; M. Daniels, \$5; Kranken Kasse, Br. 135, \$25; Mosart Minschener, List 587, \$3.25; Germania, List 527, \$4; T. A. Hookley, \$20; C. Garkewhagen, List 602, \$2; Siedel, List 863, \$2.50; S. Schneider, List 855, \$2; W. Schmidt, List 572, \$1.25; A. Frazer, List 545, \$3; G. Mordhorst, List 561, \$5; Kahlenberg, List 534, \$50; Brewers No. 69, \$25; Langhan, List 816, \$3.25; Kattan, on list 750; Clayton, List 509, \$5; Kranken Kasse, Br. 135, List 800, \$4.00; Maier, List 840, 700; Boehm, List 852, \$1.50; G. M. Marr, List 500, \$4.75; Kranken Kasse, Br. 135, List 828, \$4.25; Meiser, List 629, \$5; F. Ohm, List 728, \$3; G. Preitir, List 540, \$50; W. W. Passage, \$8.50; G. Hoff, List 733, \$44, \$1.25; R. H. List 657, \$1.50; Spauld, List 655, \$3.10; J. Puchner, List 665, \$3.25; Kranken Kasse, Br. 4, Lists 685 & \$5.00; Soc. Dem. Fransen Veria, Br. 5, 5 per Mrs. Jander, \$4; previously acknowledged, \$1,630.15; total, \$1,322.44.

The laws of gravitation show that all things which go up must come down. This does not apply to living masses. They go up and stay up. —Terre Haute, Ind.