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THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party for Social Democratic Party in New York State received through the voting system 4,846 votes.

1900 (Presidential) 99,931. 1902 (State and Congressional) 229,762. 1904 (Presidential) 408,230.

Next week The Worker will print the first of two or three articles dealing with the question of public ownership or municipal ownership as advocated by Republican or Democratic 'reformers' as a means of 'curbing the trusts.'

AGAIN WE MUST GET ONE DEMOCRAT IN THE HOUSE. Credit for having spoken out truly and bravely. Just one, mark you.

President Roosevelt has sent an official message to the Tsar of Russia informing him that the whole American people were horrified at the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius.

Last month, after the hideous massacre committed by the government in St. Petersburg, Mr. Lister of Brooklyn rose in the House and moved a resolution expressing the feeling that was really held by the honest majority of the people of this country.

Mr. Baker's action deserves recognition. It does not at all release his party. On the contrary, he stands out as a notable exception, and to praise him is to rebuke the organized Democracy.

The Republican party openly stands for the Big Stick, for autocracy in the United States and its colonies and dependencies, as well as in Russia. When the Democratic party, with its pretense of devotion to old-fashioned ideals of liberty—when its representatives deliberately repudiate the one member who raises his voice in protest, then the Democratic party shows itself to be a dying party and shows that it deserves to die.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM: WHAT AND WHY?—I. A comrade asks us to take up the following questions, not so much for his own satisfaction as because they are often asked by men who are just studying the question, and ought to be made clear to them: "If Socialism were universal, would we have to help the weaker and inferior races? Would competition between nations cease under Socialism? What would we do with our surplus product? Would we not still have to guard against the competition of peoples with a lower standard of living and consequently cheaper labor, such as the Chinese? Would not international Socialism bring us all down to the Chinese level? Why must Socialism be international, anyhow? Why not be content with working for Socialism in our own country?"

Let us begin at the end and work backward. Just what do we mean by saying that Socialism will be international? Why must it be so? Why should we concern ourselves about Socialism in other countries? When we say that Socialism will be international, we do not mean that national administrations will disappear or a new administration for the whole world will be established over their heads.

That may come about, sometime; it may not; anyhow, that is not what we mean. We mean that Socialism will be international in much the same sense that capitalism is international to-day—not over the whole world, but over a great and increasing proportion of it.

Another pretended "thrill of horror." Again we must get one Democrat in the House credit for having spoken out truly and bravely. Just one, mark you. Not another member of his own party and not a single Republican seconded Mr. Baker's utterances, and several leading Democrats took occasion to disavow his sentiments.

NOTE, COMMENT AND ANSWER. When the Editor of The Worker was lecturing in Boston last week he inadvertently omitted to answer one of the questions asked. As the matter is one of interest to all readers of the paper, and although it has been answered before, he takes this opportunity of answering it in print.

German, Russian, Japanese, and United States governments promptly sending warships and troops to force the Chinese government to carry out agreements it had never freely assented to and compel it to make still further concessions to international capitalism. International capitalism would just as readily shove its internal disagreements over the division of the spoils and unite to crush a Socialist movement in the United States when that movement came to the point of actually stopping exploitation here.

Here is a bit of advice offered by one of our contemporaries to the Russian people: "Meanwhile the revolutionaries—for this is a Revolution—can do no work more fitting to the day than to force each bloodstained St. Petersburg and the other great centers of population, to riot, to pillage, to burn, to destroy—commit such havoc 'of blood and life' that shuddering despotism must concentrate all its armed force at a few points for the protection of the trembling Tsar and his imbecile Ministers."

Whence do you suppose we quote this? From some Anarchist paper? No. Nor from any Socialist paper? No. We quote them from an editorial article in the New York "Press," a "safe and sane" Republican journal.

Such is the difference between the wild and fantastic ideas of capitalist sympathizers at long distance and the consistent and self-restrained policy actually followed by the organized revolutionary proletariat of the world.

DO YOU WISH TO JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY? This paper goes over week to several thousand persons who are favorable to Socialism, but do not belong to the organization.

THE SENATE AND THE LOBBY. The United States Senate, counterpart of the British House of Lords, is contemptuous of the people, bears the mark of its designers in the very manner of its election.

AND YOU, AMERICA: ARE YOU COMPLETE? By Horace Traubel. And you, America: are you complete? Have you told all your story? Or the best of your story? Have you fulfilled yourself? Yes, Russia is complete. Russia is passing through the acute stage of a universal malady.

BLOOD-STAINED SNOW. By Alberts Montgomery. All the nations of the earth have been witnessing, with cries of horror, the spectacle of the blood-stained snow in St. Petersburg; but what is this but the symbol of the life and death of the poor workers all over the world!

SOCIALISM AND WAR. To kill one man is a crime, and he who does it is a criminal. To kill many is a virtue, and he who does this is a hero.

ONE ON THE SOAP-BOX ORATOR. That one cannot be too careful about the use of terms is well illustrated by the following incident: First, consideration of a Socialist soap-box orator was haranguing a crowd.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT. Weekly Statement Shows Good Gain in Total Circulation, But Growth of Single Subscription List is Not Up to the Mark.

Week ending Feb. 12, 1905. Printed 18,500. Single subscriptions 14,613. Outside bundles 774. Samples 184. Exchanges 509. Sold at office in bundles 1,207. Gain for week 1,025.

"I don't bother with six-month cards any more," writes Comrade Boulger of Franklin, Pa., in sending in five yearlies. "It is just as easy to get yearly as half-yearly subscriptions."

Current Literature. THE REFORMERS' YEARBOOK (former: 'The Labor Annual'), 1905, eleventh year of issue. Ed. by F. W. Pettick. Lawrence and Joseph Edwards. Pub. by 'The Echo,' London; American agent, 'The Comrade,' New York, pp. 272. Cloth, 60 cents; paper, 32 cents.

"Not on your life! I run a drilling press. All I make is holes." There's a difference between the 'product' and the 'value of the product.'—Exchange.

Under Socialism no one will have to starve through his or her inability to be selfish. To-day we call a man selfish because he succeeded in forgetting every one except himself.

