

THIS IS THE KIND OF LIBERTY YOU BELIEVE IN.

By Horace Traubel.

This is the kind of liberty you believe in. I have listened to the oracles of your Atlanta convention. I have been studying your way of life. I can tell you a good deal about liberty. About your kind and my kind of liberty. You have been very self. You have not kept things to yourself. You have spoken out. You have acted out. You have tried to tell us what you mean by liberty. But you did not succeed very well. So now I am going to tell you as well as tell the world what sort of liberty you believe in. What your liberty comes from and what it amounts to. Perhaps I can tell you to get acquainted with yourself. You may for the first time find out how much you need watching. You may discover that you are not a very safe person left to do as you please in the community. You may commence to feel uncomfortable in your own society. Are you safe while you are around? You may ask yourself that question. You whose discipleship of liberty has been so boastful and so exclusive. I come to tell you about yourself. Do not be impatient. Listen. Look at yourself in my glass.

You love liberty. Who can doubt your love of liberty? You who control the finances of the world. You who have all the goods of the earth tickled in your private account. You love liberty. You will live for liberty. Sure. Live for liberty. You will die for liberty. What's that? Die for liberty? Let us see. If any man doubts your love of liberty he may find out the truth by asking you whether you love liberty. And of course you will tell him the truth. And he will get away satisfied. Maybe. Am I satisfied? Hardly. I push the inquiry back a little towards the roots of life. You love liberty. What has your love of liberty done for you? Done for the race? It has given you a big private fortune. It has given the race the alternative poverty. Liberty, your kind of liberty, has left you to do as you please. To rob as you please. To legislate yourself privileges as you please. To get on top anyway you may as you please. To be happy you may as you please at a cost of misery to other people as you please. To rate property above people as you please. Liberty, your kind of liberty, has done that for you. It has guaranteed your trespasses. It has made piracy respectable. It has put thievery into the laws. It has made you believe that your will is a just will whatever your will may override in the process of its fulfillment. Your liberty, your kind of liberty, has sanctified the jail and the poorhouse. Has piled up riches and crushed down souls. Has said that an income is worth while but that love is not worth while. Has filled the cities with fearful contrasts of the over-rich and the under-poor. Has divided our ethics between

blat and cadaver. Has made production destructive instead of a refreshment. Wrecks instead of builds. Liberty, your kind of liberty, has done this with the earth. Well—has your kind of liberty paid? Has it paid even you? You have collected the toll. You call the toll your own. You think the toll has converted you from an average to a superior person, from a man of no significance to a big figure among ciphers. Has it paid even you? The cost has been very great. And it is a process in which the victim and the beneficiary go down in the wreck together. One has not been saved while the other has been lost. You have put on a better coat. But you have not put on a better man. And it is the better man alone that counts. Whatever he wears or eats or possesses, the better man. Has it paid even you? Has liberty, your kind of liberty, paid even you? What are the dividends of liberty? You point to your property. You point to your power. I say no. I say these are not the dividends of liberty. I say these are the dividends of piracy. Liberty has only one kind of dividends. Love, life, character, nobility, sympathy. These are the dividends of liberty. Any other dividends are false dividends. Any liberty, your kind of liberty or any other kind of liberty, that pays any other dividend, is false, false, false, call it by any fair name you choose. Has liberty, your kind of liberty, paid even you? Look at your estate in the glass. Has it paid? Has it paid? I do not say you know. I do not say you. I only offer you the facts. Do you recognize the facts? I try to get you acquainted with yourself. You and yourself are strangers. Let me introduce you. Ah! is this you, Traubel? O yes! And you, too, you are Traubel? O yes! Traubel, let me make you acquainted with Traubel: You ought to know each other; a good deal of bad has happened where a good deal of good might have happened if you two fellows had met before.

I have not tried to pour oil on the troubled waters. I have not been staid with my color. I have not tried to be gentle. I want to be as coarse as your civilization. I want to be as ugly as your liberty. I mean to be as frightful as this kind of liberty you believe in. You in Atlanta speaking moneybag speeches and passing moneybag resolutions. You anywhere who assume to yourself the moneybag ownership of men. I know you do not know what you look like. I want you to know what you look like. I want you to know what your liberty looks like. The liberty that can own slaves. You ought to get acquainted with yourself. I am your mediator. Approve my good offices. It will pay you as nothing else under heaven will pay you. It will pay you a thousand times better than this kind of liberty you believe in. Liberty in chains. This is the kind of liberty you believe in.

PARTY NEWS.

National.

A local with thirteen members has been organized by Guy Miller at Duncan, L. T., and a charter granted by the national office.

Robert Saldel, National German Organizer, will conclude his work the last of May and will return home.

By reason of inability of some members of the National Executive Committee to attend the next meeting on July 13, the date set, it has been changed to the date set.

The monthly Official Bulletin for April has been sent to State Secretaries by post instead of express, as formerly, on account of the Chicago teamsters' strike.

Local Grand Rapids, Minn., offers for general vote the following proposed amendment to the national constitution of the party:

Article 1.—No state or territory shall be represented on the National Committee except after issuance of its charter, nor retain said charter without compliance with Article 12, Section 6, of this Constitution.

The Milwaukee Affair.

Townsend's motion to remove Victor L. Berger from the National Executive Committee because of his attitude in the Milwaukee judicial election has been carried. Gibbs' motion to table it, pending the investigation already ordered, was defeated by a vote of 25 to 17, with 8 not voting.

Yes—Barnette of Arizona, Lowry of Arkansas, Richardson of California, White of Connecticut, Healey of Florida, Carter of Idaho, Kelley of Indiana, Tower of Iowa, Brewer of Kansas, Towner of Kentucky, Fox of Maine, McHugh of Montana, Ray of Nebraska, O'Neil of New Hampshire, Spargo and Hanford of New York, Bandlow and Trautmann of Ohio, Ringler of Pennsylvania, Floyd of Rhode Island, Gilbert of Utah, Burgess and Smith of Wisconsin, Hastings of Wyoming.—Total, 24.

No—Andrus of Alabama, Floten of Colorado, Berlin of Illinois, Reynolds of Indiana, Jacobs of Iowa, Gibbs of Massachusetts, Lamb of Michigan, Holman of Minnesota, Hoehn of Missouri, Kerns and Headley of New Jersey, Hillcutt of New York, Lampman of North Dakota, Kamp of Oregon, Lovett of South Dakota, Farmer of Texas, Thompson of Wisconsin.—Total, 17.

Not voting—Woodside of Colorado, McAllister of Kansas, Putnam of Louisiana, Pasch of Minnesota, Behrens of Missouri, Maschke of Oklahoma, Arvidson of Vermont, Zimmerman of West Virginia, Berger of Wisconsin.—Total, 9.

The Hillcutt-Hanford-Spargo motion was also carried. It reads: Independent political action on strictly Socialist lines without compromise or falter is the most vital principle of our movement. It offers the most effective means for the dissemination of the theories of Socialism. It is a logical postulate of our immediate aim—the conquest of all the powers of government by the working class and, above all, it serves to develop in our numbers and sympathizers the realization of the insurmountable barriers that separate our party from all political parties of the proletariat class.

It is, therefore, the sense of the National Committee—

1. That all organizations of the Socialist Party should participate in all national, state and local elections wherever and whenever possible and nominate candidates for all offices to be filled at such elections.

2. Should a state or local organization for any reason be deprived of the right or find itself unable to make nominations of candidates in any election, it is the duty of all true Socialists to abstain from participation in such election.

3. Under no circumstances should any member of the Socialist Party vote for, endorse or support a candidate of any other political party.

The vote on this stood 39 to 2, with 9 abstaining. White and Jacobs voted in the negative; Woodside, McAllister, Pasch, Behrens, Maschke, Gilbert, Arvidson, Thompson, and Berger did not vote. Thompson wished to be recorded as voting for the preamble and first section and against the remainder.

The resolutions of Crestline, O., proposing a referendum, have been further seconded by Locals Tulare, Cal., Millville, Pa., and Biloxi, Miss.

National Committeeman Holman records a protest against the resolutions from Local Minneapolis on the Milwaukee situation, reported in The Worker last week, alleging that they were "railroaded" through by a pre-concerted trick.

Massachusetts.

The Lynn Socialist Club will hold discussions every Sunday in May at 12 m. sharp in W. C. T. U. Hall, Oxford and Washington streets.

The subject this Sunday is: Resolved, That Socialism is the only solution of the temperance question.

BOSTON.

At last week's meeting of the Boston Central Committee George Roemer, Jr., was elected Organizer in place of W. Weigle, resigned on account of leaving the city. The financial secretary reported that the money for the state debt was slowly but surely coming in, close to \$50 having already been collected. The indications are that a large amount will soon be forthcoming from various clubs. All clubs are urged to pay their share now. Comrade Cutting was elected to take charge of the meetings on the Boston Common. The Legal City Committee has been organized with Ira Worcester as chairman. It is desired that all the members of this committee shall heed carefully all communications sent out by this committee in order to make the work go smoothly. The organizer is preparing to visit all the clubs in Boston—with the pocket wallets and other literature for distribution. Comrade Olan reports that as a result of calling on the readers of the party press in Ward 22 he was able to present the names of fifteen applicants for party membership. Other comrades should follow this line of work, in fact on East Boston has been doing so for months past. East Boston started open-air meetings some time ago and it is reported that the first meeting encouraged the comrades to keep this work going. The May Day celebration of the

Flemish comrades was a success in every way. The Flemish branch had an attendance of at least thirty at its meetings and most of the time one may count as high as sixty. Several successful Sunday meetings have been held on the Common by Comrades Hall, O'Leary, Gallagher, Cutting and the organizer. Open-air meetings will probably be commenced the first week in June.

It should have been reported before that the first performance of the Boston Socialist Dramatic Club on May Day was highly successful in every respect. The members of the club are planning to give many entertainments in the fall and all members of the party who are interested in this work should join.

New Jersey.

The state convention will be held in Lyceum-Hall, 201 Newark street, near Market street, Newark, on Tuesday, May 30, at 9 a. m.

At the last meeting of the State Committee a letter was read from Comrade Hartmayer of Camden explaining the action of Camden County regarding Comrade Tolentini, who had accepted an appointment on the School Board from a so-called non-partisan official but resigned on request of the local Comrade Hartmayer requested the State Committee to state definitely their position on this matter; after a "long" discussion it was voted to lay the communication on the table because of its lacking the official seal of Local Camden. The committee ruled that Local Camden acted rightly in the case; but that in places like Passaic County, where the candidates go on the ballot without party designation, simply as individuals, members may exercise their right of citizenship and vote for such candidates. Attendance of delegates was good and all counties reported growth and activity, especially in the southern part of the state. Request for information how to organize received from Julietstown. Comrade Webster requests organizing branches in Rosenhay and Caninef.

Pennsylvania.

Sunday, May 23, at 8 p. m. John Spargo will give a third lecture on "The Philosophy of Socialism" at the Philadelphia Socialist School at 445 N. Fifth street, the subject being: Poverty and its Relief. Three more lectures are to be given, on Monday evenings, June 5, 12, and 19. Admission, 10 cents.

Wisconsin.

After assisting in the municipal campaign in the southeastern part of the state, which came during the early part of the year and required considerable organizing work, State Organizer Thompson began a tour of the state. This tour is still in progress. During the last ten days he has been through four or five new counties that have not been organized before and succeeded in organizing good locals in three of them. New locals have been organized at Ladysmith, Phillips, Bayfield, and Cornucopia, with a promise of a local at Edgar and Auburndale. Another Finnish local has recently been organized at Superior, so that five good locals have been added and the organization of two others begun. Besides this propaganda meetings have been held at nearly all of the intervening points across the state where there were locals and have increased their interest and membership. Since the beginning of the year twenty-one locals in all have been organized with an aggregate membership of 267. And this during the months that immediately preceded two hard campaigns.

The "Social Democratic Herald" of last week says: "At the time of going to press Comrade Victor L. Berger lies on a sick bed at his home in Milwaukee, the nature of his trouble being somewhat in doubt. The physicians believe that he ruptured an internal blood vessel, and have been afraid of blood poisoning. We hope to give a more favorable account of him next week."

Here and There.

Since the first of the month M. W. Wilkins has organized eight locals in Massachusetts.

A call has been issued to all locals in Maryland to vote on the question of holding a nominating convention in Baltimore, July 4.

W. J. Bell of Tyler, Tex., has been elected State Secretary pro tem.

The first meeting of the Oklahoma Territorial Committee was held May 6 and 7. Resolutions were adopted favorably to uniting with Indian Territory in a central organization.

About thirty-five delegates have been arranged for Guy Miller. Four hundred and ninety-nine members in good standing, fifty-four locals, and five members-at-large are reported.

Local St. Louis has rejected an application of "General" L. C. Fry for admission to the party on the ground of his past record as a disruptionist in the Socialist and trade-union movement.

Dan White of Massachusetts will speak at the corner of Middle street and Fairfield, avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., Saturday evening, May 27. In case of rain the lecture will be held indoors, at Socialist Headquarters, 170 Fairfield avenue.

The Central Branch of Seattle, Wash., has issued a leaflet in the matter of the charges brought against Hemmon, K. Tivus, formerly of that city and now editor of the Toledo "Socialist." Anyone who is interested can get a copy by applying to Geo. W. Scott of Seattle.

Thomas J. Morgan has sent to the members of the National Committee an open letter in reply to charges made by W. E. Trautmann of Cincinnati against G. A. Hoehn of St. Louis. We believe the charges are baseless. Comrade Morgan at 79 Dearborn street, Chicago.

New York State.

The State Secretary has made arrangements with William E. Hewitt of Ava to have a meeting there on the Fourth of July, at which A. L. Brynora of Rome will be the orator.

200. Dates will be assigned in the near future.

Henry L. Moreau of Port Chester has been elected a member of the State Committee for Westchester County.

William W. Ariand of Corning has been elected to the State Committee from Steuben County.

In preparation for his two months' tour, State Secretary Chase has sent out a circular letter to all known Socialists in unorganized places asking them to aid in arranging meetings. The result has been very encouraging, as quite a number have promised to make arrangements. No definite time can yet be set for the tour, as many more locals are yet to be heard from regarding unorganized places in their vicinity; but it will undoubtedly begin early in June. Many locals have been negligent in replying to communications regarding this tour, and such as have not yet stated what they can do to help should do so immediately. To carry on effective agitation, the State Secretary must have the hearty and prompt co-operation of the locals.

New York City.

The General Committee will meet next Saturday, May 27, at 8 p. m., at 206 E. Eighty-sixth street. Delegates are urged to be there on time.

At the meeting of the City Executive on May 15 a representative of Comrade Fieldman offered his services as speaker and the organizer was instructed to communicate with a view to engaging him. Request of 10th A. D. to borrow book case in organization office until it has been handed was granted. It was decided to have various leaflets in the printer's hands the day after the city convention so that the names of our candidates may appear thereon.

At the last meeting of the City Executive, on May 22, Comrade Wolf was temporarily seated as delegate from Yorkville. No delegates were present from the First, Second, West Side and Bronx Agitation Districts. Other districts reported as follows: Yorkville will take 10,000 municipal platforms; will try to get the members of the W. S. & D. B. and the Arbeiter Ring to work; will take five banners; the 29th A. D. made \$50 on their recent affair; Bohemians and Hungarians wish platform translated into their languages. Harlem, good open-air meeting in 34th A. D.; notified by police that no meetings could be held on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventy-seventh street and have appointed a committee on the matter. Murray Hill, 24th still unrepresented; plenty a success. Organizer reported that the Literature Committee had a meeting at which Comrade Hanford presented his leaflet, which is already in the hands of the printed, and that Comrade Lemon's leaflet on municipal ownership will also be ready soon. The articles for the booklet are almost all ready. Will probably be able to have Wilkins at end of July. Organizer will go on vacation on June 12, but has made arrangements so as not to interrupt his work. Organizer was instructed to select a comrade to greet delegates to the city convention, to have a banner for the New York County delegation, and to decorate the hall. Organizer was instructed to print 100,000 of Hanford's leaflet and 100,000 copies of municipal platform and German, Bohemian, Hungarian and Yiddish. The second meeting of the Bronx to print a leaflet on the ten-hour decision was not concurred in, as arrangements have already been made to print such a large amount of other literature. Organizer was requested to prepare a list of books he has on hand. No meeting of the City Executive will be held next week on account of vacation.

The New York County delegates to the city convention are requested to be at the hall at 10 a. m. Arrangements have been made to serve a good lunch to such of the delegates as wish to have lunch in the restaurant adjoining the convention hall. Delegates and visitors so desiring, are requested to notify Organizer Solomon.

Comrades able and willing to act as speakers for our outdoor agitation who have not yet notified the Organizer are requested to inform him as to the number of dates they can conveniently place at his disposal. There seems to be quite a lack of speakers for outdoor meetings this year. Many of our old-time agitators do not feel like starting the work so early. However, the Organizer will arrange, from now on, as many outdoor meetings weekly as the limited number of speakers will allow. The speakers are again urged to ignore requests for "extra meetings from districts and inform them that the Organizer has sole charge of outdoor agitation and that requests for speakers should be made of him.

The Picnic Conference met Tuesday, May 16, at 64 E. Fourth street. J. C. Chaney acted as chairman and U. S. Commano acted as secretary. New delegates were seated as follows: Shipley, Young Men's S. P. Club, R. Padolsky, M. Goss, 4th A. D., S. D. P., D. St. Joseph, M. Kaplan; 25th A. D., Dr. I. Joseph, Kuhn, H. Busch; Annexed A. D., R. 2, Richard Hoppe, A. Selder; A. K. & S. K., R. 175, Henry Haupt; R. 91, A. Kunkle. The committee appointed to make arrangements for a barbecue reported that Butchers' Union No. 174 has volunteered to have complete charge and that in all probability the barbecue will be a good attraction to the numerous visitors and will be at the same time a good financial investment. The Organizer was accordingly instructed to make arrangements for a barbecue. The Organizer reported for the Arrangements Committee that all arrangements for the entertainment are completed; that the German Free Schools were invited and several prizes and games for the children will be arranged; that advertisements will be placed with The Worker, "Forward," and "Volkzeitung"; that 20,000 small posters will be ready in a few days and will be properly distributed; 5,000 tickets will be printed and 4,000 of them were distributed among the delegates; tickets must be accounted not later than June 10. Patrick Donohue and Oliver Smith were appointed as a committee to visit the painters' organization with tickets; R. Padolsky and W. E. Brunt were appointed as a committee to visit the German Free Schools; M. Goss and S. D. P. D. were appointed to visit Carpenter No. 306. The next meeting of the Picnic Conference will take place Wednesday, May 31, at 64 E. Fourth street. The various

committees for the picnic will then be appointed and all those desiring to help in making it a success can do so by attending this meeting.

Socialists and sympathizers who are interested in the publication of the "Daily Call" and desire to see the necessary funds raised as soon as possible will be pleased to learn that one of our comrades has made a handsome burnt-wood picture, a copy of the famous painting "Ready for the Moors," which will be disposed of at the picnic on June 11 for the benefit of the Call Fund. The picture is now on exhibition at the Workingmen's Fire Insurance headquarters, 214 E. Eighty-fourth street.

The Second Agitation District Committee has issued an effective appeal to the trade unions, offering them Socialist speakers, suggesting contributions to our campaign fund and inviting them to send delegates to its meetings.

The 16th A. D. will hereafter meet every Friday at the clubrooms, 255 E. Fourth street. The next meeting will be very important and every member is urged to be present.

On Friday evening, May 26, a debate on Anarchism versus Socialism will be held at 209 E. Broadway, under the auspices of the Liberal Arts Society, H. Kelly speaking for Anarchism and Joseph Spero for Socialism. Maurice Diamond, Sol. Sealpene, and Platon Brouhoff will render a musical program and the evening will close with a social gathering and dance. Admission, 10 cents.

The Worker is asked to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums for the assistance of Comrade Kopolovitz of the 4th A. D., for whom an appeal was made in our issue of May 13: Joseph J. Shanahan, \$1; A. Socialist, \$1; Mrs. Dora Foster, Buffalo, \$1. Further contributions may be addressed to M. Gills or L. Slotkin, in care of The Worker.

All comrades are invited to visit the headquarters of the 22d A. D., at 241 E. Forty-second street, which have recently been greatly improved. There are reading rooms, card room, pool room and other attractions to suit all tastes. A number of comrades are always willing to argue and discuss all questions of the day. The clubrooms are open every evening and Sunday all day.

The entertainment held by the 26th A. D. on April 1 netted \$50.45; one-fourth will go to the State Committee and the rest will be divided between the English and Bohemian branches. The ladies' branch waving their shawls. The ladies have won hearty thanks for their work in this affair.

The 26th A. D. will distribute 23 copies of The Worker weekly during the next few months.

At a recent meeting of the Literary Committee of the Yorkville and Downtown Young People's Social Democratic Clubs, it was decided to arrange a series of inter-club debates. This action was heartily approved. For a long time the comrades of both clubs have desired to bring about such meetings. The first of a series of public debates between the two clubs will be held on Thursday, June 1, at 8 p. m., at the clubhouse of the Workmen's Educational Association, 206 E. Eighty-sixth street. The subject to be discussed is: Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished, the affirmative being taken by Marat Meret, Leo M. Rohr, and Edward Meyer of the Downtown Club and the negative by Charles Schulz, Emil C. Paul, and James F. Bell of the Yorkville Club. Algeorn Lee will act as chairman. The committee has also provided for some music. Admission will be free and it is hoped that the hall will be well filled. All young people and old people are extended a cordial invitation to attend and bring as many friends as possible.

The Yorkville Young People's Club is having a most interesting and instructive series of informal discussions, led by Dr. A. Ingerman, on the Philosophy of Socialism and the Materialist View of History. The club meets every Thursday evening in the W. E. A. clubhouse, 206 E. Eighty-sixth street. Visitors and new members are cordially welcome. In place of the regular meeting of June 1 a debate will be held between representatives of the Yorkville Club and the Downtown Club.

The opening meeting in the 28th A. D. on June 2, the place for which is not given in the list of meetings, will be held, we learn, at Eighty-second street and East End avenue.

On Sunday, May 28, the comrades of the Harlem Socialist Club will hold a real old-fashioned picnic on the Palisades at Fort Lee, all bringing their lunches. Comrades from other sections of the city, Brooklyn, and Jersey City are cordially invited to participate in the jollification, and to bring their friends and families with them, and are requested to be at the ferry, One Hundred and Thirtieth street and North River, at 10:30 a. m., that all may start in a body.

At the Harlem Socialist Club, 250 W. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, on Sunday, May 28, Leonard Davidson will lecture on Municipal Ownership; and on Wednesday, May 31, Isidore Phillips will speak on Our Campaign.

The Bronx Borough Agitation Committee will start its open-air campaign with a street meeting at the corner of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Willis avenue, Saturday evening, May 27.

The 35th A. D., R. 3, Highbridge, is progressing well. A bowling club has been formed as a social feature and a source of income; the second tournament is to be held Saturday evening, May 27, at Realty Hall, 64th street. The next meeting of the branch will be held Saturday evening, June 2, at 1194 Ogden avenue, over Classroom's hardware store. All who are interested in Socialism are invited to come and join.

BROOKLYN.

The 9th A. D. has about completed visiting all enrolled Socialists and independents with such good results that the Democrats and Republicans will next be seen and acquainted with our program. Headquarters are open every Sunday morning at corner of Verona and Inman street. Open meeting and discussion next Sunday, May 27, at Realty Hall, 64th street.

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GRAND PICNIC AND SUMMERNIGHT'S FESTIVAL

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE R. D. P. MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FUND TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, JUNE 11 AT SULZER'S WESTCHESTER PARK PROMENADE CONCERT BY THE NEW YORK LETTER CARRIERS' BAND AND THE SOCIALIST MUSIC BAND. Dancing Music by Carl Salm Club. BARBECUE. Amusements and games for young and old. Chorus of the United Workmen's Singing Societies. Gymnastic and Wrestling Exhibitions by the Turn Verein Vorwaerts, New York. TICKETS, 10c. A PERSON.

Sale of tickets as follows: Worker office, 184 William St.; New York Labor Lyceum, 61 E. Broadway; Clubhouse, W. E. A., 206 E. Eighty-sixth St.; Clubhouse, W. E. A., 350 E. 14th St.; Social Literary Society, 225 E. 12th St.; office, "Forward," 115 E. Broadway; West Side Headquarters, 233 1/2 Ave. C.; Socialist Club, 250 W. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth St.; Headquarters 22d A. D., 241 E. Forty-second St.

will be held every second and fourth Sunday during the summer. The next regular meeting of the 16th and Br. 18th A. D. will be held on May 28 at Northern Star Hall, 1898 Fulton street, at 2:30 p. m.

BEBEL ON FRENCH UNITY.

"La Vie Socialiste" publishes a letter written by August Bebel in reply to an invitation to be present at the Unity Congress of the French Socialists at Rouen. Circumstances prevented him from accepting the invitation, but he sent the warmest congratulations, saying:

I can sincerely assure the French comrades that, in my long activity in the party, I have seen few events that I have greeted with so much joy and satisfaction as this Unity Congress. By it the hope which the American Congress had raised in me and, I believe, in all of us, is more than satisfied. Our French comrades gave the most striking and magnificent example of abnegation, of idealism, of devotion that they could give to our great cause. We all thank them for it.

From the moment when the French Socialists form a united party, they will be a greater power than ever before, a power which will be more than before and in increasing measure, a determining factor in the politics of the country. Only now does the party become a force that can accomplish, nationally and internationally, its complete historic mission.

I am convinced, moreover, that this great example of French Socialist unity will have the best effects upon the Socialists in countries where the party is still ununitedly divided; they also ought to follow the example.

I have never said with more joy than today: "Horrah for international Socialism, which represents the future of humanity!"

It may be remarked that the unity is not quite absolute. A small group in Paris and the neighborhood, represented by the monthly "Le Mouvement Socialiste," and a newly established weekly, "L'Avant Garde," has stayed outside and will constitute an extreme left, a sort of watchdog for the integrity of the party. As Comrade Askew remarks in the London "Justice," this is perhaps not to be regretted. The existence of such an intransigent wing will serve to keep the great body of the Socialist movement sharply up to the line and prevent any reactionary tendencies from creeping in. This extreme left consists of the so-called revolutionary trade-unionists, among whom Victor Griffuelhes and Hubert Lagardelle are perhaps the best known exponents, who have little faith in purely political action and attach especial importance to the general strike as a revolutionary method. In Italy there exists a similar extreme left, led by Arturo Labriola.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

The importance of the eight-hour movement in Russia has been well shown to lie in the fact that it marks the proletarian nature of the revolution, even in contrast to the tendency, even of certain Social Democrats, to lay the chief stress on the political demands, shows what demands the proletariat, hitherto non-Socialist, itself attaches the most importance to; this is just that demand that divides the bourgeois liberal from the proletarian revolutionist. As a fact, the demands of the latter include the former, and much more. They sum up his demand for a fuller, freer life, and for protection from exploitation—demands he can realize only through the conquest of political power. As a sign of the awakening class-consciousness of the workers, this demand is very significant. In the German official press, the idea is expressed that the sham concession of religious toleration for Christians only, be it noted—will quiet things down. On the contrary, it is too late for that. It will only whet the appetite for real concessions. In the meantime, the infamous religious laws have had the effect that a large number of people in the Baltic Provinces now live together outside of the legal marriage tie. In this way does the stubborn orthodoxy of the churches contribute to the building up of a true social structure outside of their sphere.—J. B. Askew, in London Justice.

THE GENERAL STRIKE.

I am glad to see that Carl Legien, the secretary of the General Committee of German Trade Unions, and a good Social Democrat, writes that they are not opposed to the general strike in any way. They only say that to justify the feeling of a burning injustice must have deeply stirred the proletariat, but that obviously that is not a contingency for which it is possible specially to prepare or to discuss beforehand outside of naturally the normal organization of the proletariat. With these sentiments I can only agree, and feel glad to see high an authority on my side.—J. B. Askew, in London Justice.

"MASS AND CLASS".

BY W. J. GENT.

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