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GREAT PARADE OF NEW YORK WORKINGMEN.

Over One Hundred Socialist and Other Organizations Will Join in Monster Demonstration Next Monday on Behalf of the Russian Revolution.

The second meeting of the Bloody Sunday Parade Conference was held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Labor Lyceum, 64 E. Fourth street. John C. Chase and M. Gillis acted as chairman and vice-chairman. The large hall of the Labor Lyceum was packed to the doors with delegates representing about 110 organizations. A large number of new delegates were seated and the outlook for a successful parade was exceedingly encouraging. It remains for these delegates to agitate in their respective organizations for a full participation in the parade and to urge liberal donations to defray the expenses of the conference. This conference has no funds whatsoever. It is the duty of the organizations to make immediate contributions toward the making of the final arrangements which are somewhat hampered for lack of sufficient funds. It is therefore the duty of all those who sympathize with the martyrs of the Russian revolutionary movement to give their assistance and do it without further delay. It is very difficult to give an accurate estimate of the size of the parade. From present indications it looks as if the parade will be a great success and it will surprise many a cynic. No efforts have been spared to make this demonstration a real, international demonstration of the New York proletariat and one to be long remembered by New York Socialists.

Thirty-seven more organizations were seated at the last meeting of the conference. The Secretary read the report of the Executive Committee of the Conference which had charge of all the details of the parade. A lengthy and often very heated discussion took place as to whether the parade should take place in the afternoon or in the evening. The Executive Committee recommended that the parade be composed of two divisions, one to assemble in Rutgers Square at 4 p. m., and the other at Second Avenue and Fourth Street at 7 p. m. A few of the delegates objected to this recommendation. The question of starting the parade either at 11 a. m. or some time in the afternoon. According to these delegates should be observed as an international holiday and work should be stopped that day. They argued quite at length in favor of an afternoon parade and assured the conference that there are thousands of workmen in this city willing to sacrifice a day's work for the martyrs of the Russian revolution.

Several of the old and experienced delegates, on the contrary, spoke in favor of the recommendation of the Executive Committee and succeeded in convincing the larger number of delegates that an afternoon parade would create a very poor impression for the reason that it could not be as big as the evening parade, it would also be a distinctly East Side parade and thus defeat the very purpose of the conference, which was to arrange a monster demonstration and give it as much an international character as possible. By arranging the parade for the afternoon we would practically make it impossible for the German and other organizations to participate in our parade. The question of starting the working people of this city to stop work can only be decided by their respective organizations and the conference as such has no right to issue such an order. It would be more for the benefit of the Russian proletariat if those enthusiastic comrades would work that day and contribute their day's wages to the revolutionary fund. After this lengthy discussion, an amendment to the report of the Executive Committee, to the effect that the parade be organized at 5 p. m. in Rutgers Square and at 7 p. m. at Second Avenue and Fourth Street was adopted.

The following route recommended by the Executive Committee of the Conference was adopted: East Side division will assemble at 5 p. m. in Rutgers Square and will proceed to Second Avenue and Fourth Street thru East Broadway, Fifth Street, Henry Street, Clinton Street, Grand Street, Eldridge Street, Livingston Street, Attorney Street, Houston Street to Avenue A, Avenue A to Fourth Street to Second Avenue, where it will join the other division. The combined divisions will start from Second Avenue and Fourth Street for the Union Square Park thru the following streets: Fourth Street and Second Avenue to Seventh Street to Avenue A, Avenue A to Thirtieth Street. Thirtieth Street to Second Avenue and Fourth Street to Twenty-first Street, to Fourth Avenue, Fourth Avenue to Union Square Park where the speeches will be delivered. It was decided to invite the following speakers to address the meetings from the cottage and trusts: Ben Hanford, Algernon Lee, Morris Hillquit, J. C. Chase and Meyer London in English; Alexander Jonas in German; Abe Cahun, Dr. Gurewitsch and F. Felgenbaum in Jewish; Dr. Schliovitsky in Russian; and Alex. Demsky in Polish.

John C. Chase was elected grand marshal of the parade and B. Schapiro and H. Goldin as assistants in charge of the East Side division.

A roll call of the organizations was taken and most of the delegates reported that their organizations will participate in full force and that some financial contributions will also be made for this conference. So far the following donations have been made: Russian Socialist Democratic Labor Party, \$5; Arbeiter Ring Branch 1, \$10; Slavonic Free Thought Society, \$6;

MASS MEETING IN BROOKLYN.

Kings County Socialists to Observe Bloody Sunday.

Charles L. Furman, Charles Vanderporten, and Ella Reeve Cohen will address meeting in Labor Lyceum on Monday Evening—Whole Collection Will Go to Russian Revolutionists.

The Brooklyn comrades are not neglecting their duty to the Russian revolution. The Kings County Committee of the Socialist Party, at its last meeting unanimously endorsed the action of its Executive in organizing a public mass meeting to be held in the large hall of the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby Avenue, on Monday evening, Jan. 22, in commemoration of Bloody Sunday.

Dr. Charles L. Furman will preside and Charles Vanderporten and Ella Reeve Cohen will deliver the principal addresses.

The entire collection will be sent to the National Office of the party to be forwarded to Europe for the benefit of the Russian revolutionary organizations. The expenses of the meeting will be paid by Local Kings County out of its own funds.

Every comrade is urged to do his utmost during the few intervening days, to advertise the meeting. The hall should be filled to the doors. Cards and handbills can be had from Organizer Schaefer at the Labor Lyceum, and each party member should do his best to distribute them among his neighbors and shopmates.

BROOKLYN HOLDS SEPARATE MEETING.

The comrades of the Brownsville district of Brooklyn will hold a separate meeting. Branch 2 of the 21st A. D. S. P., in co-operation with the local organizations of the Russian Socialist Democratic Society and the Bund to fill Metropolitan Singer Hall, Watkins and Pitkin Avenues, to its fullest capacity on Monday evening. Addresses will be made in English, Jewish and Russian. The Brownsville comrades declare that they will raise \$500 to help give a new impetus to the Russian workingmen's fight for universal liberty.

AND IN THE 15TH.

The 15th A. D. will hold a mass meeting on the evening of Jan. 22 to commemorate the critical moment in the Russian revolution, at Capitol Hall, Manhattan Avenue and Varot Street, Comrades L. Goldberg, J. Ostentky, F. Ljer, Oscar Pudson, Seligman, Btonbach and W. J. F. Hanfman are in charge.

IN RICHMOND, TOO.

The Staten Island Comrades Join in Aiding the Russian Struggle for Freedom and Progress.

Local Richmond of the Socialist Party will devote Sunday, Jan. 21, to observing the anniversary of the Tsar's massacre of the workingmen who came to petition him for reform and to adding them in their present effort to win by force what they could not get by peaceful means.

PARADE IN BOSTON.

James F. Carey and Others Will Speak—Party and Bund Will Co-operate For Meeting in Springfield.

BOSTON.—The Socialists of this city will observe the anniversary of Bloody Sunday with a parade, starting at Castle Square by 7.15 p. m., Jan. 22, and will march down Tremont Street to Faneuil Hall, where James F. Carey and other well known Socialists will speak.

CHICAGO COMRADES ALSO WILL PARADE.

CHICAGO.—Bloody Sunday will be observed here by a great meeting at North Side Turner Hall, 257 N. Clark Street. Comrades Steinman, Morgan, Simons, Sisson, Smiley, and others will speak.

JACK LONDON HELPS DAILY.

Famous Writer Lectures in Carnegie Hall Next Week.

"Revolution" is his subject, and the proceeds of the lectures will go to fund for starting a daily paper for the Revolutionary Movement.

"Revolution" is the theme upon which Jack London, the well known author and Socialist agitator, will speak in Carnegie Hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 25.

The lecture has been arranged as a benefit for the fund to establish a Socialist daily paper in New York City. It should result in a good increase for that fund.

On the success of this meeting, we are informed, it will depend whether further active steps to establish the "Call" will be taken in the near future. The comrades who have given so much of their time to the realization of our hope to possess a daily newspaper feel that they have not received the necessary support from the membership at large. Unless this meeting is made a tremendous success, showing them that the rank and file feels the necessity of a daily newspaper as much as they do, they will be forced to the conclusion that the time is not ripe to publish the paper and that the comrades do not want it.

The prominence of Jack London makes it easy to sell tickets everywhere. Fifty comrades are needed to take charge of the sale of "The War of the Classes" among the audience. Those willing to help must report to T. A. Mallet, at Carnegie Hall, at 7.30 p. m. on the date of the lecture. Comrades willing to distribute cards and posters will apply to John C. Chase, 64 E. Fourth Street. All tickets must be accounted for not later than Jan. 23, to Comrade Chase. Tickets not returned by that date must be paid for.

Tickets are for sale at 64 E. Fourth Street, 200 E. Eighty-sixth Street, 3939 Third Avenue, 250 W. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street; 585 Eighth Avenue, and 184 William Street, and at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby Avenue. Reserved seats cost 25, 50, or 75 cents, according to location. Admission to the balcony is 15 cents.

AMERICAN AID FOR RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

Secretary Friedland and Treasurer Romm of the Russian Social Democratic Society of New York acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions for the assistance of the revolutionary movement in Russia:

J. Wood Mills, per Kerr, \$7; H. Hubbard, \$1; L. Wood, \$2; per E. Otto, \$1; D. Rhaugness, \$1; Andrew Can., \$1; Progressive Lodge No. 215, 1 A. of M., \$50; Local 1906, United Miners Workers, \$3.25; Socialist Club, Richmond, \$5; out of mass meeting of Russian S. D. Soc., \$20.75; French comrades, Chicago, \$2; \$20.44; L. A. Matkile, per List, \$2.75; Local Cincinnati, Fourth Ward, \$5; Greenham, Orlando, \$5; McBehan, Clinton, Ia., \$5; A. E. Keller, do., \$5; H. Tuttle, do., \$1; H. Hattman, Camillus, N. Y., \$5; Eric A. D., N. Y., per Greenstedt, \$5; M. G. Conn., \$30.20; previously acknowledged (corrected), \$4,172.83; total, \$6,046.88.

In last week's report W. Treff should have been credited with 50c. instead of \$5. Comrade Ingerman having resigned the treasurership, all contributions should henceforth be sent and drafts and orders made payable to Dr. Maxim Romm, Treasurer, 306 E. Fifteenth Street, New York.

WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE DOING FOR SOCIALISM.

The S. D. P. of Germany has so far contributed \$50,000 for the assistance of the Russian revolutionary movement. And the German comrades are still putting in their pennies, week by week.

There is no country in the Caucasian world in which the working people are poorer than in Spain. Yet the Spanish Socialists have raised 4,000 pesetas, or \$800, to help the Russian comrades. Spain, be it remembered, has but 18,000,000 people, and the average wages are not half that of American workmen. To keep even, we of the United States ought to have contributed \$7,000, instead of \$6,000, so far.

SCOTTISH MINERS FOR SOCIALISM.

Annual Conference at Edinburgh Not Only Formally Endorses Socialist Principles, but Also Provides for Active Propaganda.

In London "Justice" for Jan. 6, J. B. McNab writes of the annual conference of the Scottish Miners' Federation, which was held in Edinburgh, with President Robert Smilie in the chair. "He says: The deliberations and decisions of the conference were even more encouraging, from a Socialist point of view, than those of last year. The Scottish miners have now accepted the whole Socialist program with acclamation. As with the object of the program, so with the Socialist principles, all those which we have pushed at the front were accepted, special prominence being given to state maintenance for school children and provision for the unemployed.

Unlike so many other trade-union congresses that have passed Socialist resolutions as mere expressions of the opinions of the delegates assembled, the Miners' Conference has decided to educate the rank and file to the Socialist ideal, and the Executive Council was charged with the duty of arranging regular meetings in the various districts for this purpose.

IN MILWAUKEE.

Court Holds Eight-Hour Clause Unconstitutional.

But Socialist Members of City Council and State Legislature Will Continue the Fight for Shorter Work-day.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 13.—Two weeks ago The Worker gave an account of the fight of the Social Democratic Aldermen in this city to ensure the eight-hour day in the building of the new 20,000,000-gallon pumping engine for the city waterworks. Our comrades got the clause in the contract, but it was violated and the matter was carried to court.

In the general parliamentary elections which are now going on the S. D. F. nominated nine candidates in eight constituencies, as follows: Aberdeen (N.), T. Kennedy; Accrington, Dan Irving; Bradford (E.), Councillor E. R. Hartley; Salford, H. M. Hyndman; Camborne, Councillor J. Jones; Northampton, John E. Williams and Councillor J. Gribble; Southampton, H. C. Welch; West Ham (S.), Councillor Will Thorne.

So far, only the one has been heard from. Even if we elect no more, the result will be good, for we have never before had a clearly avowed Socialist at Westminster.

FROM ST. PETERSBURG.

A Russian Comrade Writes of the Sufferings Endured by the Strikers and of their Indomitable Spirit—Active Struggle Will Soon Be Resumed.

We are allowed to quote from a letter received by Comrade Ingerman from a prominent Russian comrade who has been sent by the Russian Social Democratic Party and the Workingmen's Council of St. Petersburg to visit the Socialist organizations of Western Europe and solicit funds for the aid of the Russian revolution. In the name of the two bodies by which he is commissioned, he appeals to the proletariat of the world. He says, in part:

"The revolution is not ended; it is just beginning. Dark clouds now hang over Russia. But the day for a final conflict is approaching, and the Russian proletariat is prepared to sacrifice everything for liberty.

"Every comrade who has followed up recent events in Russia must know how great a responsibility in this conflict rests upon the workingmen of St. Petersburg. They have led so far, and they will have to lead in the final assault upon the autocracy. But to do this, they must have the support of their brothers all over the world.

"The condition of the workingmen is incredible and unimaginable to one who has not seen with his own eyes. After having gone thru three great strikes, lasting, with insignificant intervals, for several months, they are literally on the verge of starvation. Their wages are always very low, and it is impossible for them to save anything; a few months of unemployment, therefore, reduce them to actual misery.

"Their endurance is amazing, their devotion to the cause and their willingness to make any sacrifice for it is astonishing. In the midst of the severe cold of a Russian winter, without proper food or clothing for themselves and their wives and children, they yet voluntarily sacrifice their earnings for the sake of political liberty.

"Nothing but the absolute lack of resources prevented the success of the recent strike in St. Petersburg. With unarméd hands and empty stomachs, the workingmen have neither means nor energy to carry on the struggle. I am fairly positive that we could have gained a complete victory over the autocracy last month, had we had sufficient money to support the St. Petersburg strike."

Is it necessary to add anything to this appeal? Is not the need of prompt and generous action clear enough?

When once our comrades in Russia have won a considerable victory—when they can seize a government arsenal or win great enough successes to bring two or three regiments actively over to their side—there will be less occasion for them to appeal to their brothers of this and other countries for help. It is the beginning that is hard. Therefore, NOW is the time to help.

FRENCH ANTIMILITARISTS GET HEAVY SENTENCES.

It will be remembered that Gustave Herve and several other of our French comrades were prosecuted by the government on account of their propaganda against militarism. The trials have at last come to an end. All but two of the accused—Comrade Cipriani and a woman—have been condemned and given heavy sentences. Herve gets four years in prison, Gohier two, and the others one-year terms. It is believed that the result will be to give a great stimulus to the antimilitarist movement; indeed, the prisoners formally thanked the court for thus advancing their cause.

FIRST SOCIAL DEMOCRAT IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Will Thorne, Secretary of the Gas Workers' Union, Elected From West Ham.

Social Democratic Federation Scores its First Big Victory—British Working-Class Awakening—More than a Score of Labor Candidates Elected So Far, and More to Come—Some Details of the Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Will Thorne, candidate of the Social Democratic Federation, has been elected to Parliament for West Ham.

The foregoing dispatch heralds the greatest victory yet achieved by the Socialist movement in England.

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Who is Will Thorne?

"Reynolds' Newspaper" gives the following biographical sketch of Comrade Thorne:

"Will" has been his full name of seventeen years. He was born at Birmingham in 1857. At the tender age of seven he went to work on a rope-ry, his employment being to turn the spinning wheel. After a year at this work he also went to work in a brickyard, where he remained for about two years. The indomitable spirit of fair play and justice which ruled the man was shown by the lad, for at the age of ten years he left his job because of the tyranny of his employer. About this time the father was murdered by a house agent at some meeting, and the boy went to work at a mill, a well-known as the Small Arms Factory, Astoria, and the horse dealer sentenced to a term of imprisonment. There were four children left. Will being the only one able to work, and the task of the lad can be easily imagined. From the brickyard he went to work at some rolling mill, and then to a mill, and finally to a well-known as the Small Arms Factory, Birmingham. After four years' service, he was one of the leading spirits in a strike, and had to quit. He was afterwards employed for about two years at some wagon works, and then went to work at a mill to work at this employment until the March of that year the Gas Workers' and General Laborers' Union was formed, and in June Thorne was elected as General Secretary. The post he has held ever since, and he is now the ablest officer of one of the most powerful of the organizations of general workers in the Kingdom. The membership of this body was given at the last Trade Union Congress as 48,000, and it says much for the respect in which the organization and its secretary are held that for the past ten years Thorne has occupied a seat on the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, he having been elected in competition with others every year. He has attended International Congresses held in Brussels, Zurich, and London. In 1890 he was elected on the Town Council of West Ham, and has been a member ever since, and in 1898 he was the Deputy Mayor. Such is the life story of the man who is to contest South West Ham in the interests of labor at the next general election, and although he was beaten at the last election, there are great hopes he will wipe out the majority at the next. A man of sound common sense, ever-widening experience, and full of zeal and energy in the cause he is represented, Will Thorne will make his mark in Parliament if the electors have the good sense to return him.

Comrade Schlueter, editor of the "Volkszeitung," who met Thorne frequently in Engels' house at London in 1880, speaks very highly of him. Thorne was, from the time he became a Socialist, an intimate friend of Eleanor Marx Aveling, and was influenced greatly by Engels.

Labor Forces Gaining.

From the imperfect reports given by the Associated Press it would appear that the Socialist forces have so far made a good showing in the elections, which are not yet completed, but will run on yet for a week or two.

According to the dispatches of Jan. 15, out of 162 members so far chosen (there will be 670 in all), 93 are Liberals, 30 Conservatives (or Unionists), 21 Labor men, and 18 Irish Nationalists.

The last parliament included but six members definitely counted as labor men, of whom J. Kier Hardie, of the I. L. P., was considered the leader. Many American Socialists will remember Comrade Harold from his tour of this country in 1895.

The term "Labor candidates" needs explanation to our readers. Besides the Social Democratic Federation, there exist in England the Independent Labor Party, the Fabian Society, and several Independent Socialist organizations. Also, there is the Labor Representation Committee, to which the I. L. P. and the Fabians are affiliated, though the S. D. F. holds aloof. The not affiliated with the I. L. P. C.

The S. D. F. generally supports candidates nominated or endorsed by it, and vice versa. Among the labor candidates there are to be counted those of the S. D. F., the I. L. P., and various trade unions (especially the miners), as well as some Independents. All of these are more or less clearly socialistic in their views and purposes, although minor differences of theory or practice still divide them.

In the present election 51 candidates have the support of the I. L. P., and there are several others who are counted as labor men. Some of these are endorsed by the Liberals (generally in constituencies where the Liberals could not hope to win alone), but the majority are in a three-cornered fight, "against Liberal hypocrisy and Tory brutality," as "Justice" puts it.

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Of the 51 supported by the I. L. P., 40 are I. L. P. candidates. Four of these are more or less known to our readers. Kier Hardie, candidate for re-election in Merion Tydril, made a tour of this country in 1893. Stanton Cole, candidate for Wakefield, will be remembered for his part in the unemployed agitation in New York in the winter of 1893-94. Pete Corran, candidate for Jarrold, and Ben Thiot, for Eccles, have been "fraternal delegates" to A. F. of L. conventions and have made lecture tours for the Socialist Party of America. Thorne is the only S. D. F. candidate supported by the I. L. P. C.

The "Labour Leader" (I. L. P. organ), speaking of Thorne's candidacy at West Ham, says that his Chamberlainite opponent was carefully avoiding public meetings, but had the church and the liquor trade well organized. It seems that even the combination of spiritual and spirituous influences failed, this time.

At the last general election also Thorne was our candidate in West Ham, and polled 4,419 votes, as against 5,915 for the Tory.

Reasons for Our Gain.

Three things have contributed to the great increase of the labor vote:

First, the Yale law—the decisions of courts and of the House of Lords as a court of last resort, enabling employers to levy on the funds of trade unions to reimburse them for losses caused by strikes;

Second, the disclosure in regard to the miserable condition of the children of the working class, and the agitation of S. D. F. for state maintenance of school children;

Third, the terrible increase in the number of the unemployed, the demonstrations organized by various Socialist and labor organizations, and the discouraging results given to deputations on their behalf, alike by Tory Premier Balfour and Liberal Premier Campbell-Bannerman and his lackey John Burns, renegade from the labor ranks.

The Englishmen are slow to move. But it seems that they really are moving, this time, after almost sixty years of quiet.

The result of the elections as a whole is an overwhelming defeat for the Conservatives—a landslide, and Americans call it. The Liberals will have a large clear majority, it appears, without counting on Labor or Irish members. We could wish that their victory were less complete.

As to the significance of the vote, however, there can be no doubt. A New York "Times" special says:

"The more closely the returns from the constituencies are studied the more clearly stands out the fact that what is happening in the general election is in the nature of a plebiscite of the laboring people rather than a direct pronouncement on the questions placed before the country.

The London "Times" of Jan. 15 said editorially:

"What we are now witnessing is really not an expression of admiration for Liberal leadership or a wholesale condemnation of Mr. Balfour and his works. It is not a verdict upon the issues that the politicians imagined themselves prescribing for the electors. While they have been disputing about the issues, another issue has been shaping itself after the fashion of such things, quietly, silently, without observation.

That issue is whether the working classes who form the bulk of the electorate, are to decide the policy they desire, or to content themselves with, choosing between the policies offered to them by the traditional parties. They have decided for the first alternative. They have done what some observers expected them to do long ago, but what they had long abstained from doing, that these observers had forgotten to go on expecting it.

Where the workmen run candidates of their own they have returned them with massive majorities. Where they have not had their own candidates, they have done the next best thing, by sifting out political differences and concentrating upon the Liberal candidate as the one most lavish of promise. In several cases where they have not been sure themselves, they have said what they had long ago said, "But their direct nominees are going to form a considerable section of the new House of Commons, and the Liberals from whom they have extorted promises and who owe to their seats, are also very numerous.

At last England is taking something like its due place in the international of labor.

Ella Reeve Cohen will lecture on The Revolution in Russia under the auspices of the Verein für Volksbildung, at the Labor Lyceum, 64 E. Fourth Street, Sunday evening, Jan. 21. There will also be a good concert program.

RUSSIA'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

A correspondent writes: The present trouble in Russia merely the first stage of a general revolution...

HOW BROWN GOT AND LOST A JOB.

The appearance in such a paper as the Chicago Tribune of such a story as this, written by A. D. Cox, is significant...

OUR WAR AND OUR WEAPONS.

Our weapon? Why this sounds like war, and so it is; war between a class of men who are striving to get possession of what they are producing...

OUR MISREPRESENTATIVES.

"American Industries," the organ of the National Association of Manufacturers, of the last issue gave an autobiographical of the House Committee on Judiciary of the Fifty-ninth Congress...

IF THERE ARE ANY GERMANS

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IN GERMAN TRADE UNIONS.

It can scarcely escape notice how much more revolutionary has become the tone in quarters which were hitherto noted for a certain "statesmanlike prudence," writes a German correspondent in London "Justice."

NO ROOM IN AUSTRALIA.

The Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of the British Trades Union Congress, reports London "Justice," has received a letter from the Labor Council of Sydney, New South Wales, concerning the proposed emigration schemes and the unemployed problem.

ILLINOIS CONSIDERS OLD-AGE PENSION PLAN.

The dispatches inform us that Gov. Deneen of Illinois has decided to appoint Prof. Charles R. Henderson of the University of Chicago as chairman of a state commission of five persons, serving without compensation, to prepare a system of state industrial and old-age pensions for the wage-earning classes.

BOOKS WORTH READING.

The books here listed are cloth bound. "Mass and Class," by W. J. Ghent, \$1.25. "Poverty," by Robert Hunter, \$1.00. "A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy," by Karl Marx, \$2.00.

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THE HOME OF JANE LEWIS.

Jane Lewis was sixty years old before her life's ambition was fulfilled. But this was not so very bad. Many people live still longer and then lie down and die before their dreams come true.

Elizabeth, Comrade Owens was chairman. Nine delegates from five branches were present. Three new members were admitted. Membership: 127 good standing; 25 in arrears. It was decided to hold a picnic on July 4, and each branch requested to elect two comrades to act as committee to arrange same.

PARTY NEWS.

C. C. McHugh has been re-elected to the National Committee from Mendocino and re-elected Victor L. Berger, Joseph Gilbert has resigned as National Committee member for Utah.

THE RUSSIAN FUND.

The National Society acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions for the Russian revolutionary organizations: Jan. 1 to 12, inclusive: Local Nickel Hill, Texas, \$1; Harry Williams, Waterford Works, N. J., \$1; Local Erie, Pa., \$1.70; A. Anderson, Detroit, Mich., \$1; Chicago Heights, Ill., \$1.75; F. C. Duggan, Dubuque, Ia., \$1; John Kasparek, Richmond, Va., \$1; M. Ebenstein, Richmond, Va., \$1; Otto Biersch, Richmond, Va., \$1; D. Dusi, Richmond, Va., \$1; Harry Kahn, Richmond, Va., \$1; J. K. Tatarsky, Richmond, Va., \$1; S. Shatz, N. J., \$1; Myres, \$1; Local Camden, N. J., \$1.02.

NATIONAL ORGANIZERS.

Dates for National Lecturers and Organizers for the coming week are: Guy E. Miller: Jan. 25 to 27, Linton, Ind. Teofilo Terenzi (Italian): Jan. 21, 22, South Wilmington, N. J.; Jan. 23, Danell; Jan. 24, 25, 26, Spring Valley, N. Y.; Dan. Dainell: Jan. 27, 28, Detroit, Mich. John W. Skilton: Jan. 29 to 31, under the direction of Oregon State Committee.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Haverhill Socialist Club is holding a fair in Lafayette Hall, Jan. 15 to 22, and expects to get a campaign fund in hand for the coming year. Comrade Frenier will attend to the tonic booth. Comrade Morrill is looking up members in arrears and is making a successful campaign for reinstatement; if club secretaries would take up this line of work they would be pleased with the results.

NEW JERSEY.

At the semi-annual business meeting of Local Passaic County, held in Paterson, on Jan. 7, the following officers and committees were elected to serve for the ensuing six months: Organizer, Wm. Glanz; Assistant Organizers, Ed. Golph, Edman and Frank Hubschmidt; Recording Secretary, Walter Bandfeld; Financial Secretary, Charles Boether; Treasurer, George W. McCullough; Literature Agent, Alexander Prima; Auditing Committee, Fritz Graetzel; George Welner, and Israel Taylor; Delegate to State Committee, Wilber De Mott. Branches were instructed to elect one delegate each to serve as a permanent committee on entertainments. The committee will serve for a period of six months. The present entertainment committee was instructed to hold over until its successor is elected, and to make the preliminary arrangements for holding the Commune festival on or about March 18.

NEW YORK STATE.

At the Younger People's Forum on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, former State Senator John Ford will speak on Municipal Ownership. Discussion will follow. The Forum meetings are held in the Public Library Hall, South Broadway. Admission is free.

Jan. 21 at Ithaca where he will speak at a meeting in aid of the Russian revolution. On Monday, Jan. 22, he will speak at a like meeting in Corning, then, Jan. 23, Hornellsville; Jan. 24, Wellsville; Jan. 25, Olean; Jan. 27, Jamestown; Jan. 28 and 29, Dumfries; Jan. 30 and 31, Brocton. Many calls are coming in for speakers in unorganized places and Comrade Fieldman's tour will be arranged so that he will visit these places and several new locals will undoubtedly result from his work. Every local that has been assigned a date should do everything possible to arrange meetings on the dates assigned. It is quite necessary that the State Committee have the co-operation of the locals already organized in order to carry on the work of organization in new territory. Full particulars of Comrade Fieldman's lectures, subjects, etc., will be sent to all locals and the meetings should be advertised in every possible way.

NEW YORK CITY.

At the meeting of the General Committee on Jan. 13, Jno. C. Chase and T. J. Lewis acted as chairman and vice-chairman. The committee on credentials recommended the seating of the delegates from the following district organizations: 2nd and 8th, 4 delegates; 4th, 4; 6th and 8th, 2; 7th, 2; 8th and 23rd, 2; 12th, 6; 13th, 2; 14th, 2; 15th and 17th, 3; 16th, 6; 18th and 20th, 3; 19th, 2; 21st, 4; 22nd, 5; 23d, 2; 24th, 4; 25th, Br. 1, 2; 26th, 7; 30th, 9; 31st, 4; 32d, 5; 34th, Br. 1, 4; 34th, Br. 2, 2; 35th, Br. 1, 6; 35th, Br. 2, 5; 35th, Br. 3, 1; 36th, Br. 1, 7; and Italian Br., 4. It was decided that the delegates from 20th Br. 2 and 26th Br. 3, whose districts forwarded only an incomplete report, be seated temporarily until complete reports are received. Forty applications for membership were accepted. The following were nominated for officers for the ensuing term: Organizer, U. Solomon, J. C. Frost; Recording Secretary, Wm. Edwards, Thos. J. Lewis, E. P. Clarke, M. H. Thomas, J. C. Frost; Literature Agent, J. C. Frost; Treasurer, Henry Orland; Controller, L. D. Mays, Moses Oppenheimer, Thos. J. Lewis; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. Steltzer, Gary Kelly and Elias Wolf; Committee on Credentials, composed of three members, U. Solomon, R. Raphael, L. Lichtenau, Chas. Lane, E. Wolf, Thos. Potter, J. C. Frost; Executive Committee of seven members, Algernon Lee, J. G. Kanely, J. C. Chase, L. Lichtenau, Emil Spindler, Fred Fautsch, Fritz Lantz, S. Solomon, G. Kelly, R. Raphael, G. B. Staring, Wm. F. Ehret, Moses Oppenheimer, L. Sackin, E. Wolf, M. Taenzler, P. H. Donahue, L. Phillips and Edw. H. Clarke; Organizational Committee of five members, L. Lichtenau, M. Oppenheimer, S. Solomon, Thos. Potter, Sam Benaim, Hugo Pick, I. Phillips, Chas. A. Gall and F. Fautsch; Auditing Committee of three members, R. Raphael, Gus Dressler, I. Phillips, Wm. F. Ehret, E. Ramm, L. Sackin, Alb. Abrahamson and D. Muller. As the delegates to the Bloody Sunday Parade Conference, reporting about the progress of the arrangements for the great parade in commemoration of the massacre of the working people in St. Petersburg, deplored the lack of sufficient funds, it was decided to donate to the conference the sum of \$200, and the branches to make further contributions. U. Solomon, J. C. Chase and W. Clemenau were elected as a committee to confer with the Independent Italian Socialist organizations and induce them to affiliate with the Socialist Party. It was further decided that hereafter one-third of the full membership of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum of that committee. Julius Hopp appeared for the Progressive Stage Society and proposed that the General Committee arrange a performance in conjunction with the Progressive Stage Society on Feb. 5, the proceeds to go to Local New York. Frances M. Gill, Patrick T. Donahue and J. C. Frost were elected as a committee to act with the Progressive Stage Society. The delegate from the 32d A. D. reported that the Delonites are agitating among the members of that district for unity and asked the General Committee for a ruling as to whether a branch of Local New York can entertain such a unity proposition without first having the consent of the General Committee. The chair ruled that no branch of the local has any right to entertain such unity propositions without first having the consent of the General Committee.

BROOKLYN.

The latest additional talent that has volunteered for the ball and entertainment to be held in Prospect Hall, Jan. 31, is the German Socialist Liedertafel of South Brooklyn comprising 60 men. The Finnish Socialist Branch of the 7th A. D., will also appear in country dances dressed in national costumes. Everyone who can attend this affair as it will be the greatest ever arranged by the party in Brooklyn. The ball will be both masque and civic, and after each dance one of the entertainment features will be given on the stage. Two large balloons encircle the hall, so that those who do not dance can find comfortable places.

AT CENTRAL HALL, 410 STONE AVENUE, FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 27, ALGERNON LEE WILL GIVE THE SECOND IN HIS COURSE OF FOUR LECTURES FOR THE 21st A. D. BR. 2, THE SUBJECT BEING THE POLITICS OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE. THE COURSE WILL BE CONTINUED ON JAN. 28 AND FEB. 2.

DR. S. BERLIN WILL LECTURE ON SOCIALISM AND ART AT HART'S HALL, GATES AVENUE AND BROADWAY ON SUNDAY EVENING, JAN. 21. THE NEXT SUNDAY MORRIS HILQUIST WILL SPEAK ON THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA.

MEYER LONDON WILL LECTURE ON LABOR LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 24, AT PROSPECT HALL, PROSPECT AND FIFTH AVENUES. SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 27, THERE WILL BE A DEBATE AT THE CENTRAL BRANCH, Y. M. C. A., 502 FULTON STREET, ON THE SUBJECT, RESOLVED THAT WE FAVOR THE PRINCIPLE OF THE OPEN SHOP, BETWEEN PICKED TEAMS REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL BRANCH AND THE WEST SIDE BRANCH, MANHATTAN. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

BECAUSE OF THE MANY OTHER EVENTS TO OCCUR THIS MONTH, THE MORRIS-SHAW DRAMATIC SOCIETY HAS CANCELLED THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ITS PRODUCTION ON JAN. 26. FOUR SHORT PLAYS, TWO OF THEM RADICAL, ARE BEING REHEARSED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LEIGHTON BAKER, AND THE SOCIETY WILL GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF ITSELF IN THE FUTURE. IT WILL PUT ON ONE-ACT PLAYS AT THE COMMUNE FESTIVAL ON MARCH 18 AND AT THE DAILY CALL FAIR IN MAY.

AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTH BROOKLYN DIVISION, COMPOSED OF 7 A. D. (FOUR BRANCHES), 8 A. D., 9 A. D., 11 A. D., AND 12 A. D., DIVISION ORGANIZER SAMUEL RENDERED A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE TERM, SHOWING THAT HE HAD DONE MUCH PERSISTENT HARD WORK, APPRECIATION OF WHICH WAS MANIFESTED ON HIS RENOMINATION AND UNANIMOUS ELECTION DESPITE HIS OBJECTIONS. THE ENERGY OF THE COMRADES OF THIS SECTION WAS EVIDENT IN THE FOLLOWING: COUNTY ORGANIZER, J. W. GOSLER, JR., RECORDING SECRETARY, JOHN A. BURCHER; FINANCIAL SECRETARY, PETER HELLER; TREASURER, COMRADE BURKLE; LITERATURE AGENT, COMRADE UHL; AUDITING COMMITTEE, COMRADES WENZEL, BESEN, PETZOLD AND DOELLER. THE ORGANIZER WAS INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE TWO PRIMARY LISTS FOR EACH BRANCH. THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK THE STATE SECRETARY WHY LOCAL QUEENS IS NOT ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING NOMINATIONS FOR STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICERS AND WHEN AND WHERE THE STATE QUORUM HOLDS ITS SESSIONS. THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORTED HAVING COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT ON JAN. 31, AND THAT IT HAD A PROGRAM OF FIFTEEN NUMBERS OF VARIOUS ENTERTAINERS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT OWING TO THE EXTENSIVE PROGRAM IT WOULD BE WELL FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT TO COMMENCE PROMPTLY AT 4 P. M. PAUL KRUGER WAS CHOSEN ENTERTAINMENT TREASURER AND \$60 TURNED OVER TO HIM TO MEET ALL BILLS FOR MUSIC AND TALENT.

AT THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON JAN. 12, MAGNUS ROQUIT PRESIDING, BRANCHES GLENDALE, EVERGREEN, WOODHAVEN, JAMNICA AND WYCKOFF HEIGHTS REPORTED PROGRESS. LONG ISLAND CITY, MASPETH AND CORONA WERE NOT REPRESENTED. OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS: COUNTY ORGANIZER, J. W. GOSLER, JR.; RECORDING SECRETARY, JOHN A. BURCHER; FINANCIAL SECRETARY, PETER HELLER; TREASURER, COMRADE BURKLE; LITERATURE AGENT, COMRADE UHL; AUDITING COMMITTEE, COMRADES WENZEL, BESEN, PETZOLD AND DOELLER. THE ORGANIZER WAS INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE TWO PRIMARY LISTS FOR EACH BRANCH. THE SECRETARY WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK THE STATE SECRETARY WHY LOCAL QUEENS IS NOT ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN MAKING NOMINATIONS FOR STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICERS AND WHEN AND WHERE THE STATE QUORUM HOLDS ITS SESSIONS. THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORTED HAVING COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT ON JAN. 31, AND THAT IT HAD A PROGRAM OF FIFTEEN NUMBERS OF VARIOUS ENTERTAINERS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT OWING TO THE EXTENSIVE PROGRAM IT WOULD BE WELL FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT TO COMMENCE PROMPTLY AT 4 P. M. PAUL KRUGER WAS CHOSEN ENTERTAINMENT TREASURER AND \$60 TURNED OVER TO HIM TO MEET ALL BILLS FOR MUSIC AND TALENT.

AT THE MEETING OF THE 15 A. D. ONE NEW MEMBER WAS ADMITTED. L. D. GOLDBERG AND COMRADE SELIGMAN VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE "DAILY CALL" COMRADES PUDSON, SELIGMAN, LIPSCHITS AND ASBEL VOLUNTEERED TO SOLICIT PRESENTS FOR THE "DAILY CALL" FAIR IN MAY. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: W. F. FANNEMANN, ORGANIZER; OSCAR PUDSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY; FER. NIEMANN, TREASURER; W. J. F. HANNEMANN, RECORDING SECRETARY; A. ASBEL, L. GOLDBERG AND W. J. F. HANNEMANN, DELEGATES TO KINGS COUNTY COMMITTEE; O. WEBER AND A. KURPH, DELEGATES TO DAILY CALL CONFERENCE; F. L. WALKER AND JULIUS SIEBERT, DELEGATES TO THE VOLKSTRADE CONFERENCE; J. SCHOELLER, E. NIGMANN, O. PUDSON, J. IMHOFF, J. OGUSTAYN AND F. L. WALKER, ON FLAG COMMITTEE; J. IMHOFF AND J. OGUSTAYN, ON AUDITING COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WAS INSTRUCTED TO MEET AND SUPPORT A MOTION THAT A CALL BE ISSUED ON ALL COMRADES TO VOLUNTEER TO CONTRIBUTE ONE DAY'S PAY TOWARD THE

ENTERTAINMENT AND BALL OF THE 32nd Assembly District of the Socialist Party. TO BE HELD AT HARLEM TERRACE 210-212 East 104th Street. ON SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20. John Spargo will deliver the address of Welcome. A Grand Program of Entertainment has been arranged, headed by the Blind Pianist, Louis J. Furnam. MUSIC: CARL SAHM CLUB COMMENCING AT 8 O'CLOCK. TICKETS 15 CENTS.

SECOND GRAND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, BROOKLYN. TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20, 1906, AT 8.30 P. M. AT SCHMIDT'S KLOSTER HALL Corner Bushwick and Jamaica Aves. ADMISSION: TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A PERSON. Ladies' and gentlemen's prizes will be awarded to the most comic and fanciest costumes.

COMMEMORATION OF BLOODY SUNDAY IN ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA AT POHLMANN'S HALL, JERSEY CITY. OGDEN AVENUE AND FERRY STREET. ON TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 1906. Addresses in English, German and Jewish. ADMISSION FREE.

CARNEGIE HALL THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1906, AT 8.15 P. M. JACK LONDON THE NOTED AUTHOR WILL LECTURE ON THE SUBJECT - REVOLUTION - FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DAILY CALL FUND HIS LAST LECTURE BEFORE GOING WEST. DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY. ADMISSION: Reserved seats 25-75 Cents. Balcony 15 Cents. Tickets for sale at office of The Worker, 154 William Street; Labor Lyceum, 64 E. Fourth Street; W. E. A. Clubhouse, 200 E. Eighth Street; Harlem Socialist Club, 250 W. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street; Bronx Headquarters, 3309 Third Avenue; Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, 940 Willoughby Avenue.

Grand Masquerade and Civic Ball PROSPECT HALL, Prospect Ave., near 5th Ave. The largest and finest Hall in Brooklyn. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 8 P. M. Under the auspices of the SOCIALIST PARTY SOUTH BROOKLYN DIVISION. Dances will be interspersed with the following talent: Sketch "Out of Society," by George J. Shea and company; German Socialist Liedertafel of South Brooklyn; Cornet Solo by Edward Mollander; Finnish Country Dances by Entire Finnish Branch in National Costume; Young People's Quartette and Chorus. Music by Schuff's Orchestra comprising 15 pieces. ADMISSION, including Hat-check, 25 CENTS.

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A TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE. Seymour Stedman, who was one of the attorneys, tells an interesting and illuminating story in the Chicago "Socialist" about the recent Gilbooley case, the trial of which resulted in the conviction and sentence of nearly all the members of the Executive Board of Local No. 4 of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' International Union to long terms of imprisonment, with fines. Stedman shows how the prosecution was inspired by the Corporation Auxiliary and the Carriage and Wagon Manufacturers' Association, whose object is the destruction of the carriage workers' and all other unions in Chicago. The avowed object of the prosecution was the conviction of the Executive Board so as to discredit unionism among workmen. In this the manufacturers were assisted by the press and everything was done to convict the men. A jury which was admittedly prejudiced in advance was selected. No union man was allowed to serve on the jury and was an Irishman practically disqualified as a juror. The attorneys for the defense were not allowed to introduce evidence which would have shown that the employers were behind the prosecution. The testimony of a deserter from the union was accepted against that of nine other men whose characters are unimpeachable. Stedman denounces the pilfering of the union's records in the attempt to get evidence against the men and says that the next thing that will be done will be to enter the workers' homes and search them without permission. It is becoming increasingly apparent, remarks the Toledo "Socialist," that the courts are merely the instruments of injustice in the hands of the capitalist class to beat down the working class and keep them enslaved. But that is what the capitalists are in politics for and what the workers get for supporting the capitalists in politics instead of joining and supporting a party of their own class. -Judging from the contents of Gov. Pattison's inaugural message, all the workmen that voted for him on Election Day seemed to have died in the interval. At any rate, nothing is said about them. -Toledo Socialist.