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THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party has passed through its third general election. Its growing power is indicated by the increase of its vote.

We would call the attention of our friends in New York City and vicinity to the fact that our telephone call has been changed to 4414 Beekman.

Municipal elections are now coming on in various parts of the country. The Editors of The Worker would especially request readers in every city where an election is held.

No, we don't believe in the law, as a rule. But we find it very hard to get rejecting over that alleged Anthony Comstock got from a hot-headed lawyer the other day.

Why does the A. F. of L. REMAIN SILENT? We have waited patiently to see if President Gompers and the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor would voluntarily take action.

We learn that the W. F. of M. is not affiliated with the A. F. of L. We know that there is a long record of hostility between the two organizations.

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thing for the right, and its power will grow by use. Perhaps Mr. Gompers and his associates in the administration of the A. F. of L. have not thought this over yet.

We suggest that other labor papers take up this idea and that local unions and central bodies instruct their secretaries to write President Gompers or Secretary Morrison urging prompt action.

So now Mr. Hearst is going to do up the Coal Trust. This makes, we believe, about a dozen trust scapals that he carries at his belt.

WAR IS MURDER "WAIT LARGE". The President last week sent a cablegram to General Wood at Manila congratulating him and his forces.

War is always and everywhere just what Sherman said it was—Hell. It is not glorious; it is infamous. It is not, as claimed by President Roosevelt (who speaks from the secure comfort of a civil office).

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"UTICA, N. Y., Mar. 8.—Engineer James Jacobs, who runs the accommodation train on the New York Central, leaving this city for Albany at 5:25 a. m., when between Flat Plain and Palatine Bridge, this morning, noticed that the cab of his locomotive was on fire.

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All over the world, and for many years past, the Socialists have opposed war. In 1879 the French and German Socialists braved prosecution by exchanging messages of solidarity.

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Unionism. These can be had by sending 15 cents to I. W. W. Headquarters, 148 W. Madison Street, Chicago. At the same place is published the "Industrial Worker," the organ of the I. W. W., whose subscription price is 50 cents a year.

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PROLETARIAN POINTERS. Labor is the law of life. A nation's workers are its life servers. Exclusive "society" in capitalism is built upon the Consanguinity of Cash.

This gem is from Hugo: "A rich man is a mortgage on a poor man's industry." A few men now appear great to the many, not because they are great, but because the many are small.

The "dignity of labor" See that patched pair of overalls with something in them? Any dignity in that? "Collective Bargaining" When I hear that damned expression, my blood boils. It is applied to workmen, rounded up like cattle, with a drover cracking his whip and bargaining them off to the stock buyer.

Our Canadian comrades will permit me to suggest that "God save the king" is strangely out of place in a Socialist meeting. Our mission is not to save kings, but to wipe them out and save the people. We have no objection to God saving the king, but the people will have to save themselves.

Let us again remind Socialist local and progressive labor organizations of the fact that it is always worth while to try to get a hearing through the daily press. When resolutions are adopted of such a nature that it is desired to bring them to the attention of the general public, for instance, it is not enough to send them to a few weekly Socialist and union papers.

THE "RELIGIOUS" DEPARTMENT OF RAILROADS is the grimmest and ghostliest of jokes. The spiritual solicitude of railroad pirates in their slaves is the last refuge of capitalistic hypocrisy and rascality. When the slaves are no longer robbed by their "religious" patrons, they can save their own souls. Quit upon all "religious" railroads and all railroad religions.

When Miss Helen Gould presented the baby of Sherman Bell, the Colorado bully in uniform, with the most magnificent silver service ever shipped to the Rocky mountains, she evinced a charmingly candid spirit of class-consciousness and economic determination. The gentle Helen knows a thing or two about class interest and how to prolong it, as her work in patronizing the R. E. Y. M. C. A. along the Gould lines convincingly testifies.

Socialism is neither a "dream" nor a "scheme," but a theory of society based upon the principles of evolution, the trend of which is clearly indicated in the changes daily taking place before our very eyes.

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THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE TRADE UNIONS.—I found had thus been annexed were to be found adherents of both political groups, who carried on the fight in their unions and thus destroyed them instead of building them up.

Among these elements in the body of organized labor was J. Hamann, Treasurer of the General German Metal Workers' Union. Hamann applied to Karl Marx, who happened to be stopping at this time at the house of Dr. Kugelmann in Hanover, for a conference on the subject, which was, of course, readily granted to him.

My first question to Dr. Karl Marx was this: "Is it important that the trade unions be dependent upon some political organization in order to have vitality?" "The answer was: 'Never ought the trade unions to be brought into connection with a political party or made dependent upon it, if they would fulfill their mission; if this happens, that is their deathblow.'"

It was in the year 1869. In Germany there had been established, on behalf of the Allgemeines Deutscher Arbeiterverein (General German Workers' Union), in systematic combination with this political organization, a trade-union body, the Allgemeines Arbeitercharif Bund (General Labor Federation), which had annexed some of the existing organizations, such as the Tobacco and Cigar Workers' Union.

There existed at that time in Germany, not one, but two political organizations of the working class. Obviously, this trade-union alliance was put in a bad position by the contentions between the Eisenachers and the Lassalleans. In the organizations

Our Labor members who go to Parliament for the first time will have a new and strange experience. They will be brought face to face day and night with the richest men in Britain. They will have to speak and vote constantly against the opinions and interests of these rich men. Yet they will have to associate in some sort of personal way with them as fellow-men and fellow-representatives, night twelve hours each day.

A somewhat terrible ordeal, truly, for those Labor members who possess Socialist imagination at all! There, in front of them, and filling the Opposition benches above them, are the men who own well-nigh half the industries of the country—the great shipping, iron, coal, and cotton magnates, the capitalists par excellence against whom for years at street corners, on market places, and in halls, the Socialist members have fulminated with so much zest and amid so much applause.

Corpses of politics have no vicious moral motives, but do what they do from influences of material interests, which must be protected by governmental power and this must be controlled at any price. In their position the best of men would do the law of self-preservation. It is a question of economics, not of morals. Abolish the system of privately owned social utilities so that capitalists will no longer have material interests in conflict with the material interests of the community and they will cease their nefarious political debauchery and become decent, useful and respected citizens of the commonwealth.

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"Marriage and Race Death," the first of a series on Race Problems by Morrison I. Swift, is now in press. It is announced as a study of the effects on the race of the existing location and distribution of wealth, the thesis being that since the dissemination of wealth is at present purely haphazard, the evolution of mankind is likewise backward and accidental; the tendency against marrying and having children grows out of the wealth-structure which has thus been built up, and the family breaks down; divorce becomes general in the attempt to correct a situation brought by man upon himself thru "an extraordinary wealth-fallacy." This fallacy is the belief that wealth is distributed by natural laws. Imagining this, nations have given no attention to the problem of constructing population by the intelligent application of wealth. It is therefore a revolution in our practice to regard wealth as the nutriment of race-building. But when so viewed man must determine by thought and experiment the principles of wealth-diffusion suited to the formation of a better human type. He can no longer permit mere wealth-manipulators to be the guardians and moulders of the race as now. The book is published by the Morrison I. Swift Press, New York.

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ordinary men, the products of evolution, like the capitalists themselves. There is no magic that we possess, or know of, that can surpass the might of the law of social progress that made them and us what we are. We cannot bring Socialism as a sweet dream in a sleep. We must toil and fight for it—fight these very men!

The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. We must conquer the kingdom of Socialism with our own hearts and hands. What else have we sent the Socialists into Parliament for but to begin the task and the battle of Socialism against the power of privilege and monopoly which these men cling to desperately? And hence that fight will yet be, with flashing eyes and accusations that will cut like swords even less intellectual, as they are certainly less noble, with all their art and means of knowledge and leisure about them, than are the lives of the poor.

Beyond a certain amount of expenditure, all that the rich spend upon themselves is wasted in mere superfluity that brings them no addition of health or pleasure. The more houses they have the less convenience and joy they find in them. The more superabundant their tables the more jaded and dissatisfied becomes their appetite. The more easy it is to buy pictures or horses, or motor cars, their purchases bring them diminishing pleasure. Who is fool enough to believe that the possession of things of whose world would make any man half as happy as the man who possesses nothing but what he can use for himself and family in the reach and purpose of his everyday life?

There is enough wealth, or means of creating enough wealth, to give every one in the land every means of satisfying his every true need and desire. Socialism is the hope of all—of the rich no less than the poor. The poor are in chains of iron, the rich are in chains of gold; but their chains are linked together. Once the chains of the poor are broken, the rich shall also be made free.—J. Bruce Glasier, in Labour Leader.

And therefore, we may quote here a saying worthy of some acceptance—it is the comment of a great Scottish iron-master, made many years ago to a Socialist at the conclusion of a Socialist lecture:—"If you could give me complete Socialism to-morrow—the Socialism of William Morris—you might take from me all I possess."

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