









OUR KIN BEYOND THE SEA.

In the recent municipal elections in Italy the Socialists carried the day in a greater number of districts than ever.

At the city and town elections held throughout Belgium on Sunday, October 15, after a most active campaign, our comrades there obtained a minority.

In the province of Brabant they have had successes more or less brilliant in their thirty towns; while in Brussels it was four Socialists—DeBastie, Comand, Girmand, and Max Hallett—have been elected by the magnificent votes of 10,123, 10,278, 10,182, and 10,142 respectively.

In some of the small towns the vote has increased very largely; and at Brugge particularly, they have elected a Socialist, where four years ago Socialists were stoned.

At Sint-Damoc-Aneleins the council is composed of seven Liberal-Socialists and two Catholics. And at Baisy-Thy the Catholics are utterly crushed.

At Antwerp the whole list of the allied Liberal-Socialists has been elected by over 5,000 majority, over which result the city had a big jubilation.

Greater or less triumphs have also been achieved in over fifty towns in the province of Halmeat.

At Charlois the whole council of six is Socialist, and at Mons the vote has increased by 400.

At Namur the Clerical majority has been reversed, and at eight other towns in the province of Namur successes have been scored, and votes increased.

In the province of Luxembourg, at Arlon, three Liberal-Socialists were elected, and in several other towns they polled a large comparative vote.

In the province of Liege the Socialists won eleven in some thirty towns, in Liege itself the Radical-Socialists gained two seats, to the detriment of the Liberals and the Clericals.

In Brabant the whole Progressive-Socialist list was elected; and at Grand-Axe four Socialists took the place of four retiring Catholics.

In the province of Limbourg, at Tongres the Liberals, supported by the Socialists, have turned out the Clericals, who have been in power since 1885.

At Ghent five Socialists were elected, and at Servais the entire Socialist list of ten candidates has been elected.

REPUBLICAN in character, and it is likely to be the result of the fact that, although the danger has been passed, the Socialists have been forced to accept a new pretext or another, manager—just as the same kind of slippery public beneficiaries do in this country—to keep up the old rates, and thus evade the people, while the stockholders sit large dividends. But the Socialists are the company's bug-bear.

Our comrades in Brussels brought out as a campaign fact, the work done by the Socialists in the Council for the benefit of the workers, in contrast with that done by the members representing the Liberal Association, which in all the difference between the practice and the theory of Socialism and the destructive sympathy that does nothing.

A progressive tax on net incomes. The Liberals have taken this measure on their program, but have done nothing.

The assumption by the city of the tramways, and the creation of a fire-insurance service.

A project to organize school cantines for the distribution of soups and clothes to the children of the poor in schools.

Have forced the application of the system of minimum wages and the limiting of the hours of labor on contracts and in municipal works.

Two projects for the construction of workmen's dwellings. All these things the Socialists have been doing while the Liberals have been talking and dreaming.

Our English comrade, J. E. Askew, gives, in the columns of London "Justice," the following interesting report of the Hanover Congress.

Few Congresses of the German Party have been looked forward to with such eager expectation or more widespread interest than the one which recently assembled at Hanover. For here was to be decided what attitude the party as a whole was to take in regard to two burning questions which have been the subject of bitter controversy during the past year, viz., the question of the attack made on the theory and practice of the party by Edward Bernstein in his book published last March, and the question of militarism in regard to the attack directed on the "Militia System," as a possible substitute for the standing army by Max Schippel in the organ of the "Socialist," the "Sozialistische Monatshefte," under the pseudonym "Isquelin."

The meetings began on Monday, October 9. Preliminary business was settled in a commendably quick manner. Among other things we had speeches from the foreign delegates present—Dr. Adler, from Austria, justifiably jubilant that the Austrian Social Democrats alone had shown themselves able to unite the German and the Czech elements in a common organization, and to draft a policy whereby alone the most difficult of the many problems which confront modern Austria, viz., the national strife, may be solved.

There were also present delegates from Holland, Sweden and America, the last-named of whom brought the news by telegraph that the Congress was to be held in the name of both American parties, he being a member of one party, and his wife, who was also present, being a member of the other.

On Tuesday morning we assembled to hear Comrade Bebel make a speech in support of a somewhat lengthy resolution, the purport of which was to reject absolutely and entirely all change here in the direction advocated by Bernstein, and to accentuate as clearly as possible the fact that the party adhered in the main to the policy it has hitherto followed.

Our comrade, to put the matter in a nutshell, while laying stress on the great obligations which Bernstein had laid the party under during the past year, and pointing out the fact that his activity and conscientiousness in the past year, and his activity in the present year, were to be regarded as a model for the party, he pointed out that the party was to be regarded as a model for the party, he pointed out that the party was to be regarded as a model for the party.

After this there remains no reason for the party to alter either its program or its tactics, and it most decidedly repulses every attempt on the part of the opponents State and social order, having in view the distracting or obscuring of its position.

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TO KNOWLEDGE.

Editor The People.—The People should allow a correspondent to visit Jones of Toledo a "political and moral coward," "wasting," etc., etc., as you say, and is certainly entitled to good treatment. Let us see argument, not abuse. For better or for ill, we will follow the tactics of the People.

New York City.

You fail to distinguish clearly Comrade Hayes, in his communication last week, to which you refer, presented in full the correspondence between himself and Mayor Jones, in which it was proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, proved by Jones' own acts, that he was afraid to appear with Comrade Bebel before any audience of Ohio voters and attempt to defend the political position he had taken. No words but "political and moral coward" could characterize that action. If Comrade Hayes had called Mr. Jones a coward without giving good reasons therefor, you might rightly say that he "abused" him—and such was indeed the practice of the late lamented "Professor,"—ED.]

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Editor The People.—The De Leon brethren are getting left in California. The critics are falling from the ranks, and the Socialists are left alone. I told some of them about eight months ago that De Leon would yet betray them. I am convinced that he has done so.

San Francisco, Cal.

WHO LIED?

Editor The People.—The following appeared in the Workman street paper's Letter Box of Oct. 1, 1905: "J. C. Boston, Mass.—It is not possible to state accurately what was the total membership of the S. T. & L. A. in the United States and Canada on the first day of July, 1905, but the membership of the S. T. & L. A. in the United States and Canada on the first day of July, 1905, was not more than 5,000 and could



