

Public Control Fails in France

And now comes the word from France corroborating the firm stand the socialist movement takes against government ownership in the hands of the capitalist class, as a solution of social ills. A strike is on among the government employees in the dockyards of the French naval works. At Toulon, where the strikers number 6,000, all naval construction is suspended.

Patrols of marines are guarding the government property. As a dose to the dissatisfied workmen, the premier has declared in the chamber of deputies that the government was unanimously against the right of employees to strike against the government, PARTICULARLY THE BRANCHES CHARGED WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE.

The socialists have slung the slogan to the world that industries owned by a government controlled by the capitalist class, where the masses have no means of voicing their own interests, is still the weapon by which surplus value is forced from the producers to keep a dominant class in power and luxury. If property pays the taxes of government, it is interested in

having the expenses as light as possible in order that taxes may be lower. Labor is of course the greatest expense in all productive work. Under capitalist government ownership the producers are still left to fight each other in competitive wage. Their only protection is the union and the strike. But if the government is in the hands of the non-workers, all the powers of law, parliamentary bodies, courts, police, army and navy are in the hands of those who live by robbing the workers. That they expect to use every advantage even to forbidding the workers to strike, is shown by the condition in France.

The capitalist class, in their fear of the socialist demands, are attempting to side track their revolutionary program by appearing to make concessions to them under the name of government ownership. Whatever advantage government operation of industries may have in hastening the development of the collective state life, the people will never be free of irksome toil for others and poverty for themselves till they have achieved the conquest of political power, in their own immediate voice and control.

Workers Are Aroused in London

A dispatch from London states that a remarkable demonstration of the unemployed has occurred against the government because of the attitude assumed towards their demands for relief. Thousands of men and women marched through the streets to Hyde Park, and held a meeting. Speeches were made and resolutions adopted declaring "unending war against the capitalist system."

The surcharged markets of the world are finding the bloated possessors of the wealth that labor has created helpless and amazed. They know of no way to stop the hunger cry. There is none under this system, and the workers have found it out. Fifty years of socialist teaching is bearing its fruit, and they are crying, "let us end the system."

BEGGED TO VOTE.

A dispatch from Washington states that Miss Susan B. Anthony, accompanied by two other ladies prominent in the woman's suffrage movement, have appeared before the president to plead for the right to vote. There is nothing remarkable in intelligent human beings wishing to be represented in the government by which they are governed. The only thing surprising about the incident is that women as intelligent as these will do the same thing over and over again that they have been doing for fifty years, only to be refused by the all-ruling male, who lets them know that he is running things on this mundane sphere. He believes in the government by the people, of course, but that does not mean women. Women are slaves to the will of men, because, as a class, they are dependent upon them for a living. Their only possibility of achieving a universal freedom is in obtaining economic freedom.

They are simply wasting their time in begging for little palliatives, which they will not get anyway. The capitalist class are looking towards controlling the suffrage instead of extending it. They fear a popular vote. Women had better devote their energies to the socialist movement, as many prominent women suffragists have discovered. Not only does every socialist platform in the international movement declare for the woman vote, but economic freedom carries every other possible advantage.

Socialism the Solution of the Age

THE RACE QUESTION

One of the chiefest beauties that unfolds itself to the student of socialism is the well-nigh universal solution that it affords of perplexing problems. The race question in America to-day is one which no ray of hope pierces under capitalism. The negro is as helplessly enslaved to the will of the white man as when a chattel, with no assurance of support or protection, care when sick, and a watchful guardianship over his life. In slave days his body represented value to his master. Now the same master gets the work without bothering about the old carcass.

In the mad competition for employment the negro is pushed to the wall by the white race. He works at continual disadvantage. He meets opposition in school, public places, everywhere. He tries to join the union. Frequently he has not been able to succeed. If he does his union brothers say, "The white man first," and discriminate against him in the search for the job. The negro says, "I am an American. I am here, I have no where else to go, and I mean to live if I can." Hence he becomes the great seab, the weapon the capitalist class uses to fight the workers in their combinations for better conditions. It all resolves itself into an animal-like competition for the chance to live, which means the job, and the worker goes down and out, and the more efficient are gradually degraded till they lose the power of resistance.

Under a rational system of the arrangement of the industries and human life, that is under socialism, all workers (and all would be workers) would be trained in the schools of the nation for their life work. When they were grown they would have a trade, and they would have a job. No one would appropriate the product of their labor, and the productive forces of machinery are such that each man's labor would procure for him and his family an easy competence. Under such conditions people would live where they pleased, and the white man's treatment of the negro has not been such as to attract our colored brothers to flock around him. The colored man follows the job, and the white man has the job today. Where old persons were born to a job, provided they took advantage of it, and the wild scramble of competition for a chance to live was gone, the race question would bother the mind of man no more. It has its roots primarily in economic competition. Race prejudice is simply the howl of those who think they see an economic advantage in it; as instance the Jewish massacres in Russia, the American negro problem, and the hatred against the orientals on the western coast.

Give us freedom of life, and the new strength and intelligence will soon solve the other problems.

The bum in the Pullman costs the people more than the bum on the trucks.

What Is Socialism? Primary Principles

Socialism is the collective ownership of the means of the production and distribution of wealth.

It is a systematic method of carrying on the industries of the world.

It is the substitution of order and system for the chaos that reigns today.

It is the principle of co-operation applied to human life instead of the struggle of competition.

It is the ownership, operation, management, and benefit of the productive forces of society, in the hands of all the people.

It is the establishment of an industrial government for a political government.

It means that the working class will have power, and there will be none other but a working class.

Their government will be based on the initiative and referendum, and the power of the recall of officials.

Since the workers are the owners of the machines they will not have to give up the greater part of the product they produce to parasites who own and do not perform useful work.

The productive forces of society are sufficient to keep all in comfort if they will work, and can have their product. All will have work.

The hours of labor will be shortened. Children will be taken from sweat shops and dens, and will be in schools and advanced institutions of learning till they are of age.

Learning while young, and leisure afterwards will give culture, art, literature, and refined enjoyments to the working class.

Poverty, disease, crime will vanish, because the causes have disappeared.

This is socialism.

This is what ten million people in the world are voting for.

This is what 500,000 in America are voting for.

This is what the Socialist Party of Montana stands for.

This is what the Montana News stands for.

It is not "dividing up". A "divided up" machine wouldn't work.

Combination is the principle of modern industry, and not division.

But we want the combination for the benefit of all, and we're going to have it, for the workers are the majority.

—I. C. H.

A Frenchman's View Of Russia's Troubles

Paris, Nov. 18.—Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu, a member of the French academy and an eminent authority on Russia, has addressed a notable letter to the Journal des Debats upon the Russian revolution. He said in part:

"The events transpiring in the Russian empire are nothing less than a great revolution which promises to be as long and as tragic as the French revolution, although it is yet to be hoped that the Russian revolution may not bring about the fall of the throne and dynasty. The revolution will be social and political whether it assumes a torrential character, sweeping over all boundaries, or whether it is guided in regular channels through the foresight of Count Witte.

As in the case of the French revolution, there will be a transfer of power and property to new hands. In the eyes of most Russians, it is bureaucratic autocracy which must end. It was never the army nor the fleet which was defeated by the Japanese, but the fore-vanquished was the autocracy. The recent savage violence and slaughter of Jews, with perhaps more victims than through the reign of terror of the French revolution, is attributable to the autocratic regime.

Miss Hazlett Will Speak

Sunday evening Mrs. Hazlett will address the Workers Educational Club on the subject of "Social Unrest". She will take issue with Rabbi Klein's address of two weeks ago. Dr. Klein will follow her in discussion, after which the meeting will be thrown open for general discussion. Mrs. Hazlett making the closing remarks.

Some excellent musical numbers will be furnished, and the evening thrown open for social enjoyment at the close of the program.

Women are people, but the governments by the people do not include them in the program.

THEN AND NOW

Senator Clark and the Ropemen of Butte Have Trouble.

Five years ago W. A. Clark was candidate for the United States senatorship from Montana. He needed the laboring men's votes to get there. He was very liberal with promises to and with expressions of love for the Butte trades. He pictured the Amalgamated copper trust as the greatest curse to humanity on the list of curses. His partner in vote getting, Heinze, shed great tears of sympathy for the horny handed sons of toil and, together, they induced the working men, the men who dig, hoist, smelt and ship copper of Butte hill, to march, yell and vote for Clark that he might display his whisks, and the wealth the workers of Butte produce, in the American House of Lords in Washington. The workers, the producers of a large portion of the wealth Clark and his two sons waste in vices too filthy to describe, voted for him, and he was elected to the Senate. He went to New York, his home, and was sent for by H. H. Rogers, the head Amalgamator of "Standard Oil." Rogers convinced Clark that he could not enter the Senate unless he first passed through the "process" and was made to fit the Amalgamated mold. Clark was born again. He joined hands with the other Standard Oilers and lock-stepped to the Amalgamated dirge of death. What happened? Clark abandoned Heinze and the workers of Butte. He broke every promise he, himself, had made to the workers, and those Heinze had made for him. But, who ever heard of Clark keeping a promise? He was like every proselyte, he out-amalgamated the Amalgamated. His term in the Senate is about to expire. He wants a re-election. He is oiling his promise machinery. He hopes to glide along the old worn path to success; to fool the workers as of old. His hopes, however, are likely to be shattered. The workers are leary of him. They are testing his word. The ropemen in his employ have recently gone on strike for a raise of wages from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per day. He re-

fused to accede to their just demands and threatened to send his ores to the Amalgamated Washoe smelter for treatment. Having been through the process himself it is mete and right that his ores should receive the same treatment. But an election is near, what will he say to the workers of the State? And how will the workers act? Heinze has been amalgamated, too, and is again boosting Clark. Will the workers be again fooled by Clark and Heinze or will they open their eyes to the actual conditions facing them and the great labor army of the world? Will they join another "Labor Party" organized to divide their forces? It is hoped not. It would seem that the events in Russia and other European countries would soon arouse them to the wretched condition of the working class in America, millions of whom are on the verge of starvation, facing starvation in the midst of the greatest farm crops and the greatest factory output on record. It would seem that the workers would soon realize that they produce all this wealth, and that having produced it and the tools with which to produce it, they would join with their class, the working class; would join the party, the great Socialist party which represents, in all the civilized world, the overworked, underfed, miserable wage slaves. The Montana wage earners, and those who have little opportunity to earn wages, it would seem, should come soon to the point of understanding their class interest; should realize that there is a class to which they belong, and would also realize that Clark, Heinze and the Amalgamated, and others of their kind, constitute a class absolutely opposed to the working class; that realizing this fact they should march in solid phalax toward a realization of their class rights, which is the ownership by them of the jobs, and all the wealth they produce through those jobs. This can only be done through the agency of the Socialist party.

—E. B.

After the Fattle Is Over

In reviewing the results of the recent election anything but satisfaction is felt at the showing of the socialist vote. Some socialists of a statistical turn of mind may figure our percentage of votes cast, and show up an apparent socialist gain, and others may flatter themselves that the decrease of the socialist vote was not as great in comparison as the decrease in the vote cast for the old parties. Regardless of all that our socialist statisticians, excusers, consolers may say, the results are entirely unsatisfactory. It is not the nature of the socialists to weep and wail over the results, but to make a calm survey, find our weak points in tactics, adopt ourselves to the situation and fight on with renewed vigor.

The fact that a large number of people who voted the socialist ticket a year ago either stayed at home or were side-tracked with the reform wave, shows that more time should be given to the education of the socialist voters in order that they may be thoroughly grounded and not be swept off their feet by reform enthusiasm or become careless and stay away from the polls under any circumstances, which is worse from our viewpoint.

Looking over the field, we find that a vast amount of energy was expended in the various states in which elections were held, and little or no results were obtained for the amount of energy expended, with the exception of Massachusetts; which would indicate that the energy was spent at the wrong time or not in the right way.

There are a large number of socialists who believe in carrying on a campaign on old party lines, such as creating lots of noise and trying to stir up enthusiasm on the eve of election. In this the socialist cannot compete with the old parties owing to lack of finance, and that it needs intelligence and not enthusiasm to make a person vote the socialist ticket.

In New York where we have one of the best organizations in the country and the most active comrades, where as steady a propaganda work as finance will permit is kept up the year round, and where one of the most aggressive campaigns was put up, we went down in defeat.

time, and in the face of such a crisis. With two hundred and fifty dollars to campaign in New York? The national executive committee did all they were able to do, but in so doing they demonstrated the weakness of our organization.

After the last national election we saw that our presidential candidates polled a very large vote that could not really be called class-conscious, but nevertheless a vote to be proud of at that time.

We knew then—and this election has demonstrated it to be a fact—that unless we worked hard to educate and organize the mass of people who had voted the socialist ticket, the next election would witness a slump.

This was universally recognized by the rank and file of the party a year ago—but what happened?

A national committee proceeds to blow in the finance and use the energy of the national office in running a mineograph bureau for the self education and gratification of a few notoriety seeking individuals who wanted to see their names to a motion censoring a committeeman from another state because he wore the party button upside down.

There has been enough money spent by the national committee this year in useless work, to have allowed the national executive committee to keep twelve organizers at work one month in New York during the campaign.

The fact that a reform wave is sweeping the country and old party lines are being demolished, that the spirit of resentment against the evils of the present system are abroad in the land, is a very hopeful sign, and if the socialists are awake to the opportunity, if we are equal to the occasion, such sentiment as now exists can be educated and crystallized in to socialist organizations. The occasion is here for action and it is time that the national committee was getting down to work, or rather going to sleep and not draining the National office by mineograph work so that the National Executive Committee could have something to work with.

Our propaganda cry, "Agitation, Education and Organization", should be amended for the present "Education and Organization." The socialist agitation that has been kept up for the past few years has no doubt contributed largely to the spirit of rebellion that was manifest at the late election, and further demonstrates that unless we follow up what we have done along agitation lines by education which will give us militant organization all our effort of the past will have been wasted, and some Jim Crow of a reformer will reap the benefit of our work. Let us take the lesson to heart. Let the national committee take the lesson to heart.

Let us get down to work, good hard work. All is not yet lost. The election only shows us which way the wind is blowing, and it shows a breeze favorable for the socialists, providing we take advantage of it.

To work Comrades. The time for action is here.

—J. D. G.

The Trust Farce.

Slowly but surely the American people are beginning to realize what a gigantic farce and imposition the present so-called investigation of the Trusts is. It is a scandalous affair from start to finish. It has become the laughing stock and joke of the entire world. It indicates most emphatically the hypocrisy and deception practiced by the entire administration. If there was ever an administration that deserved the contempt of honest men it is the present. The recent investigations of the great life insurance companies show that the officers in power were elected by corrupt practices and are illegally retaining their offices. Public sentiment has become so debauched that it will tolerate almost anything for party's sake. Under our form of government public officers are supposed to be public servants and to represent the interests of the majority. This pleasant fiction has served to deceive the people so long that they accept it as a truth. It is an insane and dangerous delusion and has cost the people billions of dollars and social misery without measure. The present political system is an outrage and an offense against humanity. Good government is a mockery and a farce under our present political organization. Fraud and crime reign wherever the present system exists. It is not patriotism to sustain a system so fraught with political iniquity and unrighteousness. It is the rankest

Iowa Socialists

Comrade Burgess is now working in Iowa. For some reason Iowa is a state that has been unusually backward in the socialist movement. But he has struck at least one socialist spot, Mystic, Iowa, where all the officers are socialists. He intends returning to Tacoma in December, stopping in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Soon after, he will go south.

Sir Henry Irving, the great English actor whose death saddened the theatrical world, had long been an advocate of the municipal theater. He said true art was impossible while the stage was dominated by the commercial spirit.

Eighteen thousand deserted wives in Chicago! Their husbands were Catholics and Protestants, Baptists and Methodists, Democrats and Republicans—all capitalistically trained minds. Who said Socialism would destroy the family?—Labor.

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THE NEW PAPER.

The News is safely launched upon its way as the representative of the Socialist Party of Montana. The moral encouragement has been all that the large vote in favor of taking the paper over led us to expect. The financial encouragement has much exceeded our expectations. When little locals like Stevensville and Chico send in \$6 apiece, and we get a list of eight from Billings and the same from Great Falls before we are hardly settled in our new places, it looks as though the paper was simply filling a sort of vacuum that had existed unconsciously for a long time before.

We are well aware that we are not yet in a position from which the best results could be expected either materially or psychologically. The material concerns will adjust themselves as time goes on; but the educational matter of a publication devoted to the science, the philosophy, and the interpretation of society and events from the basis of the class struggle, is a feature that cannot be handled as it should be without certain advantages of situation and working material, that are practically outside the reach of socialists in a western town.

Socialist expression calls for the latest triumphs of science and thought that the human mind has achieved. We must be right or we are nothing.

If the Socialist sees far ahead the dawn of a new day, when mankind shall have accomplished the conquest of his environment, when the material shall have been brought into subjection and forced to minister to the collective happiness and opportunity of all, upon him lies the consecration of shattering the brutalized idols of ignorance, superstition and degrading subjection, stripping the tawdry tinsel from the death mask, and letting the glorious sunlight, of science, truth, and investigation illumine the stagnant fester of a degenerate and decaying civilization. In other words the socialist position is a survey of the ages, seeing "a vision of the world, and all the wonders that would be," and in order to do this he must know this ancient world and its daily evolution. Libraries, reports, works of reference, an abundance of data and leisure to compile it—these are the tools with which the socialist must work, that the working class may be fortified in their demand for a collective life based on economic justice. Needless to say these tools are not at the command of the Montana News at this time.

But there is another function that the paper must perform and that is the mobilization of the forces that make for social revolution in Montana. Our locals want the encouragement of collective action. They want to know what the other locals are doing; and this office, at least, a state paper, may be able to perform, hoping for better results, as the movement grows in intelligence and power.

The socialist press in the country is still in a comparatively formative

stage. The reason lies in the character of the movement itself. Whenever the working class intelligently desire to have instruments of class expression, whenever they learn what outposts of the capitalist must be taken, the socialist press will have support. It is positively pathetic that so valuable and scholarly a publication as the International Socialist Review should be on the constant verge of discontinuation, and that is as conscientiously and ably edited as The Worker has a subscription list of only 18,000, in a nation that cast half a million socialist votes.

But the cry of hunger is rising into a mighty chorus from men that want to work, self-consciousness is giving place to class consciousness and economic necessity will soon force the American working man to seek expression in the press of the socialist movement, for the wrongs and aspirations of his class.

IN UNION IS STRENGTH.

And now comes word that the great powers have joined in a notification to Russia that they intend to interfere, and prevent anarchy. The nations will fight each other in a mighty contention for the markets of the world, until the working class begin to rise and struggle against the diabolism of the rule of the master class. Then the trembling thrones rush together, for in co-operation only do they find safety. The governments of today are simply committees to extort surplus value from the workers. If that surplus ever ceases, the dominant economic class are starving and helpless. They know this, not consciously, but instinctively, from the law of the self-preservation of species. When that peculiar species of human deformity known as the capitalist class feels the tremble of its ancient foundations, every force of prestige, "law and order," "respectability," culture, those dear prerogatives of bourgeois control, is mustered to the perpetuation of existing institutions.

Each ruling class has held the same historic fortification unmindful of the industrial transformation that had made the old regime no longer possible. During the time of the French revolution, Danton and other of the Revolutionary leaders had their hearts and intentions set upon the "war of the propaganda." This was an aggressive army that was to carry the principles of the Revolution among the nations of northern Europe. The throne of the neighboring powers trembled with apprehension, and the result was the mobilization of a European army of the allied powers that afterwards, at Waterloo, defeated the forces of Napoleon, representing the new regime of the bourgeoisie.

Again at the close of the Franco-Prussian war, in 1871, the cry of alarm blanched the cheek of the aristocrat. Louis Napoleon, by a shameful surrender, had betrayed the loyal hearts of the working class, and the armies of Bismarck were before the gates of Paris. To Napoleon belonged the slum, but the self respect of the workmen revolted against being traded like cattle for the stale dissipations of nastiest rouse of Europe. That wonderful spectacle of resistance known as the Paris Commune, was the result. It was the one great proletarian revolt of modern times. The capitalists, leaders, traitors, aristocrats left the city. The working class were in control, and the most decent and peaceful administration that Paris ever knew occurred during the few months of the Commune.

Did the German conquerors take advantage of the domestic rebellion to crush their French foe? No; they sat down before Paris, and waited for the "better class" the "defenders of law and order" to drive back the workers to their shops, and their political silence. And when the guns of obedient regiments had thundered down the barricades, and slaughtered the innocent by the thousands against the deadly walls of the city, then and then only did negotiations proceed between the belligerent "powers."

A "liberal" form of government in Russia that the capitalists can control will be acceptable to the nations of Europe. It will be the same sway over the lives of the producers as exists today, only in another form. But let the socialists come to the front with their demand for industrial freedom, and the parasites of the world are shrieking "anarchy."

In the meantime the silent forces of industrial evolution are crumbling their rotten structure about their heads, and the time is not far distant when neither Czar nor liberal will be potent, but the sinews that build the beauty of the world shall have established the freedom of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

The Helena Independent says in an editorial:

The defeat of the present agitation for the restriction of unjust railroad rates will but add fury and force to the socialistic tendency which is already growing manifest in the demand for government ownership of public utilities. The propaganda is spreading, and it is but a question of time when it will become an issue in the national politics of all parties.

The favorable discussion of government ownership is no longer confined to the socialist party. Republicans, democrats, populists, and independents are taking up the problem with sincerity and zeal: There it is—the lively of God to serve the devil in. To hear the shrieking private owners express it, "they'll only give us socialism if we will just let them alone." That is, the profit appropriators will relinquish their holdings and their graft, for the benefit of the dear people. We have never noted that history has teemed with such beneficent examples of the love of the dominant class for the "unwashed." The socialist party is good enough for the working class to get control of the industries with. But then the capitalists can't run it. Hence the shriek.

Hearst states that his expenses to make the run as mayor of New York, were \$65,843. He says that he contributed for the candidates on the Municipal Ownership ticket. Yet some people are afraid of socialism because it would mean paternalism.

Mme. Garneau gives electric scalp treatment.

A Great Awakening.

By J. KEIR HARDIE, M.P., in London Labor Leader.

The other week I noted the progress which the women's movement has made of late; the municipal election campaign, which is proceeding as I write, is a revelation of the wondrous growth of Socialism. The great awakening of the British people has come. The slumber of a generation is passing, and the oppressive nightmare of indifference is being shaken off. Bradford, Leicester, Merthyr, Manchester, Glasgow, Leeds, Birmingham, everywhere, masses of people filled with the wine of the new evangel of Socialism are crowding the largest halls, and with the fire of battle in their eyes and the hope of Socialism in their hearts, are going exultantly forward to an assured triumph. Without any outside aid, with no press puffing, with no aristocratic patronage, with the cold shoulder of priest and parson turned towards them, still the people come in thousands to our meetings, they cheer our speakers—their own comrades—they vote for our candidates, and the number of candidates keeps growing and multiplying all the time. The people are awake, and are beginning to know that whilst they have been asleep the enemies have bound them as firmly to poverty and toil as did the Lilliputians, Gulliver. But they are determined to burst the bonds which bind them, and when a people are roused and determined, who shall gainsay them?

And what is the attitude of leading politicians towards this uprising? The star of Toryism has, for the moment, set; the meteoric splendour of the dawn of the century has now fizzled down till it has become burnt cinders. Let us put the Tories aside; what they say or do can have no interest for us, or any direct bearing upon the coming general election.

But what of the Liberals, whose star is said to be in the ascendant? What is the attitude of the leaders of the Liberal party towards this wonderful uprising of the common people? Have they welcomed it with open arms? Are

they helping the new movement to expound its gospel of Socialism? They who are the special friends, and guides, and champions, and deliverers of the people—what have they to say to this wondrous movement of the people; this new birth of public life; this manifestation of independence on the part of the workers?

NOTHING.

Do they know of its existence? I cannot say. Their newspapers do their best to keep them in ignorance; it may be that they succeed. It is just possible that Rosebery, Asquith, Morley, Lloyd-George, Grey, and others of their front rank colleagues, are as ignorant as they appear to be about the political revolution which is manifesting itself all over England, Scotland, and Wales. It may be that they are really ignorant, in which case a worse fate will befall them than befell three blind mice of whom the nursery rhyme tells. But I cannot believe them to be ignorant. They are not moles; they more resemble the ostrich, who, it is said, appears to think that so long as it cannot see danger, no danger is near, and so, when pursued by an enemy, buries its head in the sand. I have been reading the speeches, the great speeches, which these men have recently been making, reading them to try and glean some inkling of what is in their mind on social and industrial topics, of what the starving poor have to expect from them when they succeed to office.

BUT NOTHING CAN I FIND.

Mr. Asquith keeps stamping upon the decaying carcass of the still-born monstrosity of Protection. When gravelled for other matters, he prates of reforming the procedure of the House of Commons, a ten days' task at most. Mr. Morley hints at Home Rule for Ireland, and, following in the wake of Mr. Chesterton, sneers at Lord Rosebery for making a fetish of the meaningless term "efficiency." Lord Rosebery snarls back, defends his fetish, and declares that on no account will he be a party to Mr. Morley's Home Rule proposals. Mr. Lloyd-George pats Lord Rosebery's shoulder in good comradeship fashion, imitates Mr. Winston Churchill in coining political Billingsgate to sling at Mr. Balfour, and winds up with a great blast against the Established Church. Sir Edward Grey talks authoritatively about the woes of the Chinese serfs in South Africa, and then looks on blandly whilst two English girls are being violently hustled out from his meeting, and subsequently sent to gaol for having the daring to ask him a question about the political entrenchment of the women of Great Britain. Occasionally there is a vague reference, compressed into half a dozen lines, to the need of social reform, and that is all; nothing definite or tangible; mere platitudinous generalities.

And the Churches, especially the Free Churches? The Free Church Council and Mr. Thomas Law passed a resolution about the unemployed, whilst in Bradford every Free Church minister is opposing, actively, the candidature of the nine Labor nominees, who are making the care of the unemployed and the provision of meals for school children the special topic of their campaign, and supporting the Liberal nominees, who have opposed the provision of public meals for starving children, and who are bent on making the new Unemployment Act a dead letter. General Booth is spending his declining years in trying to get rid of our "surplus" population by banishing some fifteen thousand families to the wilds of Western Australia, whilst the Bishop of London is thundering forth semi-apostolic maledictions against those who are guilty of the national crime of limiting the size of their families and keeping down the growth of population.

And these are the self-constituted friends and leaders of the people, political and religious. When the blind lead the blind both shall tumble into the ditch.

So far as the Organized Labor movement is concerned, the days of such stumbling guidance are over. The workers are tired of the ditch. Whoever will may tumble into and wallow in the mire of ditches, but they have had enough of that. Socialism has come to lighten their path. The dawning consciousness of political manhood is awakening self-respect. The blind may go on leading the blind, but nevermore shall priest, parson, or politician lead Organized Labor. The awakening has been long in coming—but it has come.

Socialists Plan for Day of Thanksgiving

A great national celebration is proposed for the socialists of the United States. If the plan of Local Spokane is adopted, as declared probable, next Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 30, may be observed by socialists throughout this nation as a day of celebration and rejoicing over "four epoch making events for which it is declared the entire credit is due to socialism."

The plan is thus summed up in resolutions adopted by a committee elected by Spokane local:

FOUR GREAT EVENTS.

The year 1905, now drawing to a close, marks a signal advance of the human race, four epoch making events



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We make a specialty of Large Mining and Ranch trade.—will figure on your bill at any time.

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being recorded in history as milestones on the blood stained path of civilization:

First—The peaceful dissolution of the time honored alliance between Sweden and Norway—peaceful despite the efforts of the capitalist class to precipitate war.

Second—The threatened conflict between France and Germany was averted, in spite of the efforts of the "captains of industry" to "unleash the dogs of war," that profits might flow to their coffers in the streams of working class blood.

Third—The endowment of the first school of socialism—the first university wherein the truth—the truth only, and nothing but the truth—will be taught.

Fourth—The awakening of the working class of Russia. The revolt of the giant, Labor, from the most monstrous brutal government that modern civilization has permitted to exist.

USED AS RIFLE TARGETS.

Whereas, Socialism teaches the class who have always been food for rifle, sword and cannon—the working class—that they are used as rifle targets, their homes laid waste, their wives widowed and children orphaned, only in the interest of "the masters of the bread." That the working class the world over are friends, not enemies; brothers and sisters of one common parentage; that the blood of the workers is red, whether their skin be white, black or yellow; and that they have no interest in the wars of the master class, whose battles they have always fought, under the guise of patriotism;

Whereas, The teachings of socialism were plainly manifest and voiced in unmistakable terms by the protests of socialists in Sweden, Norway, France and Germany, and by their protest war with its attendant savagery, vandalism and carnage was averted in those countries; and

Whereas, Socialism, in spite of the czar, the clergy, the knout, the Cossack, Siberia, censorship, oppression and suppression, has grown, spread and scattered its seed; its message of liberty, freedom and equality of opportunity; the "joyful tidings of peace on earth"; borne the light of hope to

minds and hearts bowed and bent under the yoke of kingcraft and priestcraft, until the last of the so-called civilized nations has grudgingly yielded a portion of human rights to all its subjects; and

Whereas, The advantages obtained in the aforesaid historic events, and the beneficent effects resultant therefrom, have been due to the education of the people through socialism, socialists are entitled to all credit. And the recent disclosures of the overrottenness throughout the whole capitalist structure, being due to the merciless castigation of the profit system by socialists, socialism has been proven, not only the greatest factor in making for world peace, but the greatest moral and ethical force in civilization; therefore be it

MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.

Resolved, That Thursday, November 30, 1905, be observed as a holiday by socialists throughout the United States; celebrating by parade, speech and song the signal victories gained by our comrades at home and abroad, and attesting our appreciation in fitting manner of the gift of our departed comrade, Mrs. E. D. Rand; at the same time, by this expression of the solidarity of the working class, gaining fresh strength and energy to push on to our final goal the cooperative commonwealth.

H. W. MANGOLD,
JAS. ERICKSON,
E. J. TAMBLIN,
Committee on Resolutions.
—Spokane Chronicle.

Brotherhood of man is impossible so long as the industrial system forces some to starve, and some to live off the starving of others.

Lake Como Local of Socialist Party has obtained a Charter from the State Committee and is now ready to receive applications for membership from any farmer or wage worker in Ravalli county. For further information write to the address—Lake Como Local, Como, Montana.

Honored Friends of Freedom

JOHN GLASSE.

(Considering the stirring times in which the proletariat of the world is passing today, the following verses from the Socialist Song Book are peculiarly appropriate.—Editor.)

Toilers of the nations
Thinkers of the time,
Sound the note of battle
Loud through every clime.
March ye against the tyrants,
Headless of the steel,
Be a band of brothers,
Speed the common weal!
Onward friends of freedom,
Onward for the strife,
Each for all we struggle,
One in death and life.
Seamstress in the hovel,
Women of the mill,
Low indeed ye grovel,
Tame ye are and still,
Come like the Valkyries,
Beateous in your might,
Sing ye songs of valor,
Nerve us for the fight.
Toil we sow no longer,
For another's gain,
While our wives and children,
Pine in want and pain,
Grieve we now no longer
At another's good,
Let us all be brothers,
Let us all have food.

National News

RESOLUTIONS BY LOCAL COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, According to the provisions of the National Constitution, it will become necessary for the National Committee to hold a regular session in 1906, the full expense of which will amount to over four thousand dollars and will have to be borne by the treasury of the party; as it is altogether impossible for us to acquire such a large sum of money in our treasury even though special means would be adopted to raise the amount, it will surely plunge the party in a heavy debt of perhaps three thousand dollars. This tremendous burden will be fastened upon our shoulders just on the eve of a very important campaign, thus preventing us from being free to put our best energies and resources into the campaign; and

WHEREAS: Even if a Committee meeting could be held without loading up the party with a heavy indebtedness, the constitutional limitations put upon the powers of the National Committee will prevent it from taking any action which would remedy the many defects in our organization as well as in the National Constitution, and bring it more in conformity with the needs of our growing party; many vexed questions seem to hamper the movement in a number of localities, causing much confusion and irritation among both the membership and the members of the National Committee; and

WHEREAS: A great mental awakening has resulted from the recent revelations of the internal rottenness of highly developed capitalism, which will soon be taken advantage of by the Hearsts Lawsons et al. element to further confuse the bewildered public mind, and, in the same of "Remedies," lead it into still deeper and more complete chaos; with prolific use of adjectives, they will move heaven and earth to persuade the American workmen that their interests are identical with the middle class, which class is fast being annihilated as an important economic factor; a clear, ringing statement from a national Socialist convention, setting forth in language that cannot be misunderstood, the relation of the wealth producers to all classes of exploiters will go far to clear up the situation in the minds of the workers. Especially will this be so if we have a year or two instead of a few months in which to get it hammered into their minds, and

WHEREAS: The National Constitution provides that the transportation expense of delegates attending a National Convention be met by a per capita assessment levied upon the membership. After all, the same membership will have to stand the expense, whether it is a meeting of the National Committee or a National Convention, but the results that a special National Convention held next year would be able to bring about would amply recompense the party for the expenditure and would fully justify the sacrifice: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That a special National Convention be held during the year

1906, and that we cheerfully pledge ourselves to contribute our share to defray the transportation expenses of the delegates: and be it further

RESOLVED: That the National Committee be instructed to call upon the various state and territorial organizations to elect their quota of delegates and otherwise to take steps as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution:—

RESOLVED: That instead of a national committee meeting, a special National Convention be held in 1906 between the first day of May and the fifteenth day of July, for the purpose of issuing a statement, setting forth the party's position on the recent exposures of highly developed capitalism and warning the working class of the frenzied efforts of the "bell wethers" of Capitalism to sweep them off their feet, thus better preparing the minds of the working class to grapple with the many fake issues which will be presented to them at the next presidential campaign; also, for the purpose of revising the national constitution; making such preparations for the general advancement and strengthening of the party in view of the developing political situation throughout the country; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such a convention. Adopted Nov. 12, 1905.

CHAS. L. BRECKON, Sec'y.
J. H. COPELAND, Chairman.

WISCONSIN NOTES.

The proprietor of the largest brewing plant in Milwaukee offers the city a silver mounted bottle of beer for christening the city's new fireboat. Now it happens that this proprietor is the man who recently admitted that he gave a bribe of \$1500 to the former city building inspector. The latter is now in prison for accepting this bribe. The Social-Democrats hold that the "business men" who furnish the "boodle" are as guilty as the politicians who take it, although the latter have been indicted and in some instances punished, while the business men have not even suffered a loss of prestige. Accordingly one of our Social-Democratic aldermen in the last meeting of the City Council introduced a resolution, reciting the above mentioned facts and proposing that the "board of public works be and they are hereby instructed to decline the so-called 'magnanimous' offer of said Gustav Pabst, and to christen the new fireboat in such manner as not to bring reproach upon the city."

In view of the fact the mayor and City Council have refused to appoint the Social-Democratic election inspectors and clerks to which our party is legally entitled, the Social-Democrats propose to form a huge election vigilance committee, composed of 1,000 men. It will be the duty of these men to carefully watch the elections in all wards and to give aid in case of any attempt of the Rose "machine" to steal the election. The methods of Tammany in the last New York election will not be tolerated in Milwaukee.

The agitation for a municipally owned electrical lighting plant in Milwaukee is likely to result in exciting events. The contract of the street lighting company expires next month, and the company has offered a new contract, with a much reduced price for lights in case the contract is granted for a long period, or at a higher price in case the contract is given for a short term. If these terms are not accepted, the company threatens to plunge the city in darkness. The corporation aldermen in the City Council have thus far succeeded in blocking all attempts of the Social-Democrats to establish the municipal lighting plant which the people voted for last year. Now, of course, there is no time to start one before the company's contract runs out next month. So this deadlock will probably result in stirring times.

Three new branches of the Social-Democratic party were organized last week. The remarkable part of this item of news is that the new branches are all in agricultural districts, which our propaganda has never reached before, and that the majority of the members are farmers. The agricultural question which has been so difficult of solution by the Socialists, is thus beginning to settle itself. These branches were formed by our state organizer, Carl D. Thompson, who is now making a very successful tour of eastern and northern Wisconsin. His future dates are as follows:—Ashland, Nov. 17-18. Washburn, Nov. 20th, Spooner, Nov. 22nd, Canton, Nov. 23rd, Balsam Lake, Nov. 24th, and Osceola, Nov. 25th.

The week's lectures in Milwaukee by the Social-Democrats were as follows:—Nov. 14th at Wisconsin Hall, lecture by T. Feeley on "Trade Unions and Socialism." Nov. 15th at Schacht's Hall by F. W. Thiel, "Socialism." At Layton Park, "The Mission of the Working Class," by State Senator Rummel. Nov. 17th, Second Ward Branch, "The Curse of Food Adulteration," by Carl P. Dietz, at Popper's Hall. "United States Statistics," by Vox Populi, at Raasch's Hall. "Why I am a Socialist," by Alderman E. T. Melms. Nov. 19th at the Socialist Home, "United States Statistics," by Vox Populi. Next weeks lectures will be as follows:—Nov. 23rd at Odd Fellow's Hall, "Socialism as the Basis of Industrial Peace," by N. Briggs. Nov. 24th, at Locke's Hall, "Socialism," by

F. W. Thiel; Fifth Ward Branch, "Trades Unionism and Socialism," by T. Feeley; Bressemeister's Hall, "The Evolution of Industries," by F. W. Rehfeld.

Comrade E. E. Carr of Danville, Ill., addressed three well-attended and enthusiastic meetings in Racine last week. A ball was also held at the close of one of his lectures, for the purpose of raising funds for the propaganda. The Racine movement is in good shape and everything points to a large gain in our vote there next spring, and a probable increase in the number of aldermen in the Racine City Council.

The attempt to debar the Socialist Party from participation in the elections of Douglas County, Nebraska, by making it necessary that 1 per cent of the salary of the office be paid as a filing fee by the candidate, was defeated. The Supreme Court rendered a decision Nov. 11th, declaring this section of the Dodge Primary Law unconstitutional.

The resolutions by Local Omaha, Nebr., published in the Weekly Bulletin of Nov. 11th, have been endorsed by Local South Omaha.

The proposed Suffrage (Poe) Amendment to the constitution of the State of Maryland, having for its purpose the disfranchisement of the working class, was defeated by 28,000 majority.

Vapor baths and shampooing
—MME. GAREAU

WOMEN'S CLUBS

In order that a socialist organization may live, and do useful work there should be a definite line of action from the beginning. If a determined effort is made from the first to arrange a program of study, and each member does some reading and assists in some way, it is surprising how far ahead in information the club will be in one winter.

In a state where women are not voters the majority of them have very vague ideas in regard to government, political, and economic matters. Especially is this true of the wives of the working class. The monotonous routine of their lives, the scant money with which to buy books, and leisure in which to read them have given little opportunity to brighten their intellect, or acquire information.

Socialism has for its purpose the conquest of economic forces so that all may have opportunity for a healthy and rounded development. In order that the working class may achieve such dearly longed-for freedom, they must clearly understand the causes of the present conditions, and the forces at work in society that will effect a remedy.

Such is the purpose of the socialist propaganda.

In taking up the study program for the day, No 1., the drill in parliamentary law, should depend upon the time that is desired to be spent upon this subject. All women in organized movements should understand something of how meetings should be conducted, motions should be made, and committees formed. One advantage of the socialist form of organization is that the practice of having no permanent chairman gives opportunity for all members to have drill in the duties of chairman. If the club is possessed of a woman who makes a good instructor, she could prepare a short drill, say ten minutes, for each session.

There are women who have had no experience in public work of any kind, and are timid about attempting to express themselves. These can select a brief reading from some socialist matter. After gaining a little confidence they can venture on remarks regarding the selection.

Next week we will continue the discussion of the program.

I. C. H.

SOCIALISTS DEMANDING EIGHT HOUR WORKDAY.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 13.—As the next step in their programme the Social Democrats have decided to attempt the enforcement of an eight-hour day in all the factories of St. Petersburg. The workmen in a number of big factories have already resolved to work only eight hours for their present pay, and to cease work entirely if the employers attempt to enforce the old scale.

Mme. Gareau, —MASSEUR—
—Phone 364, B. Diamond Block, Helena Mont.

State News

Great Falls is going along finely after its revival. The secretary, W. A. Palsgrove reports as follows:

Our first meeting after the series of lectures, was held November 14, and we had a splendid meeting. We elected Comrade Buck as delegate to route the speakers. He was instructed to write to Comrade Rector to get more information about his duty. The recent meetings did a great work in the Falls. They took some of the sand and dirt out of some of the people's eyes, and made them see the truth. There are still some blind, yet can't see, and don't want to. But I'll give them a knock occasionally on the head, and say-dig up, and help the cause along. Enclosed find money order for three dollars for another book of stamps, for this book won't last me more than a few hours if I press the button. I can make good work when I get the fifty application cards.

The reference to the delegates to route the speakers is in connection with the work of the County Central Committee of which Comrade Rector is secretary.

We have encouraging reports from the Dean Local in Carbon County. Western Carbon County has shown remarkable activity in carrying forward the socialist propaganda in that part of the state. It was the comrades here who took Mrs. Hazlett in a carriage through a ten days tour last summer.

Comrade John Hudson has just returned from a trip to Chicago, where he sold his cattle. He didn't get as much for them as he expected, but he says, being a socialist he knows the reason why. He is wised up on the beef trust. He heard Comrades Debs and Simons speak, circled around the national office for awhile, and brushed up on the latest socialist news.

Helena local meets every Wednesday evening in the office of the News. All persons opposed to this economic system, and interested in the socialist solution of industrial problems are invited to attend.

The following letter from the Woman's Auxilliary at Great Falls breathes so much of the spirit of enthusiasm and determination, that we cannot afford to pass it by:

Dear Comrade: Enclosed find \$4 for subscriptions for the News. We have been rustling around and got eight of them, but had no cards so will send you the names and addresses on a separate sheet.

The Woman's Auxilliary met Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15, and we had a very pleasant meeting. There were ten ladies present and three outside of the club members, two of these signed their names to our list and we got along nicely with the work, considering that we had no program outlined for us.

We appreciate the form of work outlined in the News this week and shall be pleased to follow it. Mrs. McDermott acted as chairman, and Mrs. Palsgrove was elected literature agent. Mrs. McDermott read the article in last week's News, "A Sermon on Socialism," by the Rev. Smith, and that was appreciated by all. After the meeting coffee and doughnuts were served and they talked over the cup as they had not done before about the Cause.

Our next meeting will be the first Wednesday after Thanksgiving. They named the club, "The Mutual Improvement Club" with dues at ten cents a month.

Fraternally yours,
MRS. GEO. WESLEDER,
I. C. H.

To Our Readers

We would like to ask the socialists who read this paper to take their work and trade to our advertisers. The working class must help those that help them. When you want to trade, hunt up a firm that advertises in the socialist papers, and tell them why you come. You will be helping the socialist paper and socialism at the same time.

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Leave 12:26 p. m.	Summit	Arrive 12:25 p. m.	
Leave 12:55 p. m.	Lenep	Arrive 11:40 a. m.	
Leave 1:25 p. m.	Martinsdale	Arrive 11:10 a. m.	
Leave 2:00 p. m.	Twodot	Arrive 10:35 a. m.	
Leave 2:40 p. m.	Harlowtown	Arrive 9:57 a. m.	
Leave 4:00 p. m.	Garnell	Arrive 8:35 a. m.	
Leave 5:00 p. m.	Moore	Arrive 7:50 a. m.	
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Circulation Department

The Montana News is the first state-owned paper of the Socialist party. The beginning of a new enterprise is not the time for congratulations. These may be premature. But the newspaper problem is one that must be solved by the American party, and the fact that Montana has courageously undertaken to sustain an organ that shall voice the sentiments of socialism, and be a medium of the party in the stirring campaigns that are ahead of us, speaks well for the initial attitude of the young Northwest.

A great wave of hope and determination seems to have swept through the state. Locals are awake and it is easy to organize. Immediately, on the word going forth that the party had voted to take the paper, subscriptions began to tumble into the office. They are coming faster every day.

The management does not expect that a part of its duties will be to harp upon this subject. It is simply the executive department of the paper. The collective party are the stockholders. Their dividends will be the aroused socialist sentiment in Montana, and they will be distributed on a socialist basis, according to the energy expended.

Through the activity of Comrade Alex Fairgrievs, the Helena Local has made arrangements to give a progressive whist party, in the parlors of the Worker's Club, in a few weeks, for the benefit of the News. Comrade Fairgrievs will furnish the prizes. Lunch will be served, and Local Helena hopes to inaugurate the social feature, so prominent in the movements of the eastern cities.

It is suggested that this plan be adopted by each Local in the state, where at all possible. Such occasions will not only furnish revenue for the paper, but they will develop that sense of solidarity, which is as yet largely lacking in the western movement.

Mrs. M. Traynar, a revolutionist of Huntley, Mont., sends a long list of names to which she wants samples of the News sent. When women begin to work for socialism as a solution of social horrors a leverage is put into action that some day will inject truth into the old saw, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Today it is a pitiful sarcasm. Only when woman has economic freedom, and can control the cradle that she rocks will

she rise into a "world power." Let us have more justice and less flattery.

Comrade Bradford of Helena Local is turning in subs every day in the city. He is one of the earliest of the Helena Socialists, and, in the past, whenever the News got into a tight place because Comrade Walsh was on the road, he stood at the breach and saw that the paper came out. He is especially interested just now in showing the negro what socialism means for him.

Butte Local has appointed a subscription committee to work for the News. This shows that the comrades feel that the paper is a collective responsibility. If each Local would do the same the subscription list would soon be beyond the anxiety stage.

Comrade Palsgrove, secretary of Great Falls Local, writes: The communication was read at last meeting about taking over the Montana News, and all in favor of helping to make it a success, which we will do. We must not think any other way.

Comrade George Streib was in from Clancy Sunday to attend the lecture at the Workers' club. He is rustling subscriptions for the News with the energy of an old time protester against conditions.

Comrade Case, of Missoula, writes for a bundle of samples to get subscriptions with. He says they are going to hustle up there. The fact of the party owning the paper seems to have put new life in all along the line.

Local Anaconda comes to the front with a promptness worthy of that aggressive organization, and encloses a check of ten dollars as a

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contribution. That means that the Montana News penetrates the Northwest.

Comrades John Beard and Frank Mabie, of Local Chico, were the first to send in subs and job work to the News after the party took hold of the paper.

Secretary Powers, of the Billings Local, sends in eight subscriptions, before the first issue of the paper came out. The list is rapidly climbing sky-ward.

Comrade Rose of York, a veteran in the cause of freedom, takes the paper for a friend. These "friends" soon become good socialists, voting for their class.

A letter from Local Stevensville contains subscriptions, and a \$5.00 contribution for the News: Those are the things that put backbone into the paper.

The Woman's Club of Great Falls sends in a list of eight subscribers. Those women up there are the real thing.

The comrades of Bozeman are waking up. A few subscriptions are coming in from there every day, with promises of more.

Missoula sends in a list of twenty. Those folks up there are going some.

Real Propaganda Work

In the same ratio as the movement grows, our Socialist press will grow. Our press is the real thermometer of the progress of our movement.

A little report has just reached us from Copenhagen, Denmark, where our comrades publish a daily paper under the name "Socialdemokraten." Copenhagen is a city with 500,000 inhabitants. In 1881 "Socialdemokraten" had about 2,500 subscribers. In 1893 the circulation had increased to 25,000. In September, 1905, our Danish organ had 46,000 subscribers.

What did our comrades of Copenhagen do? Sit down and rejoice over past achievements? No. Our comrades met and decided that by the end of this year "Socialdemokraten" shall have a circulation of 50,000 i. e. 1 subscriber to every tenth person in Copenhagen.

The comrades worked in the labor organizations during the week; on Sunday mornings they met in the precincts of the thirteen wards and started out for soliciting subscribers. Here is the first five

weeks' work. They secured the First week, 560 new subscribers. Second week, 650 new subscribers. Third week, 690 new subscribers. Fourth week, 811 new subscribers. Fifth week, 689 new subscribers. This is practical propaganda work. Hard, energetic and systematic agitation is necessary to secure new subscribers to a Socialist paper.—St. Louis Labor.

Labor News

THE A. F. OF L. CONVENTION

The A. F. of L. held its twenty-fifth annual convention in Pittsburg, this last week. Gompers reported in his address that during the year the federation has issued charters to three international organizations, one state federation, sixty-seven central bodies, 216 local trade and federal unions. The total application of the various classes of organizations was 1,796. An assessment of \$80,000 was voted, to aid the printers in their efforts after an eight-hour day.

Victor Berger introduced a resolution to the effect that the Civic Federation was making a hypocritical attempt to convince organized labor that the interests of labor and capital are identical. The resolution reads: "We point with sorrow to the close intimacy and harmonious relations established between Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders with the great capitalists and plutocrats of the country."

Berger also introduced sundry other resolutions, showing their socialist origin. One denounced the national guard, and wished the federation to go on record as prohibiting any member of a labor organization from joining the militia.

Another one provided that congress pension all men who reach the age of sixty years, provided they have never earned more than \$1,000 a year. The convention granted a charter to the international association of steamfitters. This organizes the steamfitters separately from the plumbers, an arrangement that the plumbers' union has fought bitterly against for the last 3 years. Thus Gompers is using his club to still further divide the interests of labor. He is subdividing the crafts, and their craft interests, instead of welding them together industrially, and thus, is opposing industrial organization, and the economic solidarity of the working class.

President Fairgrievs of the Montana Federation of Labor, in behalf of his organization, has organized a union of 39 members among the lumbermen, at Eddy, Mont. A union of the lumbermen will be of immense advantage to the labor movement of the state.

Mr. Fairgrievs has just returned from Missoula County, where he has been the past ten days in the interest of the State Federation.

Comrade Reese Davis went to Clancy Saturday night to assist in the completion of the organization of the I. W. W. at that point. An organization of 26 members was effected.

WAR ON UNIONS.

The Citizens' Industrial Association in their annual convention at St. Louis, passed the following resolutions against organizations of labor:

"That this association hereby expresses its belief that such organizations are of labor as in their conduct and purposes are manifestly labor trusts should be investigated by the government authorities both state and national and so far that organizations that are found illegal should be prosecuted in like manner as are trusts of capital and without fear or discrimination."
PRINCIPLES REAFFIRMED.

The association reaffirmed its principles as follows:

"(1) The open shop; demanding only good faith and fair dealing, it discriminates against neither union nor non-union labor.

"(2) The freedom of the apprentice and the right of the individuals to have a trade and to follow it.

"(3) The right of private contract with equal obligation upon employer and employe.

"(4) The right to work; limiting the hours of labor, whether of brains or of the hands, is a matter of mutual agreement, not a subject for arbitrary legislative enactment.

"(5) The enforcement of the law."

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Loans and Discounts	\$1,145,930.15
Bonds and Warrants	288,759.63—\$1,434,689.78
Furniture and Fixtures	0.00
Bank Building	65,000.00
Cash	162,153.57
Due from Banks	515,219.52—677,373.09
Total	\$2,176,062.87

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