

Important Conversion

Dunne's Commissioner of Public Works Comes Out for Socialism--Says Reforms Are Skin Deep.

Chicago, March 2.—Commissioner of Public Works Joseph Medill Patterson has tendered his resignation to Mayor Dunne. The resignation was sent by Mr. Patterson to Mayor Dunne Wednesday. Nothing was publicly known of the resignation, however, until a copy mailed by Mr. Patterson at Washington was received by the City Press association here.

Writes Dunne.

The letter written by Mr. Patterson to Mayor Dunne in part follows:

"It was through a common belief in the cause of municipal ownership of municipal utilities that I first became acquainted with you and in this letter of resignation I desire to express publicly just how my views on this subject have been changed.

Enlarged Views.

They have not diminished. They have enlarged. I used to believe that many of the ills under which the nation suffers and by which it is threatened would be prevented or avoided by the general inauguration of public ownership of public utilities. But my experience in the department of public works has convinced me that this policy would not be even one-fourth of the way sufficient."

Don't Help Poor.

Mr. Patterson then cites the cases of Great Britain and Germany. In the former country, he declares, where municipal ownership has been successfully developed, the problem of the unemployed is becoming of tremendous intensity. In Germany, where government ownership of railroads has been inaugurated and municipal ownership of public utilities is paramount, the poor are growing poorer and the rich are growing richer, with an acceleration hardly less than that so evident in the United States.

A Missoula dispatch is to the effect that out on the coast the lumber combines have boosted the price of lumber \$2 per thousand, ties \$1, lath 25 cents a thousand. The only kind of lumber that is now cheap is the kind that working class blockheads are made of. It is so plentiful no one can get a corner on it. An alleged reason for the raise is the high wages paid to workmen. If that's the capitalists' game I would like to know how you are going to beat it. They pay you a little more and make you pay them a great deal more. There is only one way you can beat them and that is to abolish them as a class and run the industries yourselves. Another reason alleged for the raise is that "the mills have more business than they can handle." It used to be

Leaves Corporations in Power. He then calls the attention of the mayor to two cases in this city where two large corporations have attempted, as he says, to override the law. The letter concludes as follows:

Common Ownership.

"The universal ballot gives every male citizen an equal political opportunity. Common ownership of all the means of production and distribution would give everybody an equal chance at music, art, sport, study, recreation, travel, self respect and the respect of others. I for one cannot see why these things should be concentrated more and more in the hands of a few. I believe that the ownership from which money springs should be vested in the whole community.

Socialist From Observation.

In other words, as I understand it, I am a socialist, I have hardly read a book on socialism but that principle which I have just enunciated I believe in general to be their theory. If it be their theory, I am a socialist.

Reform a Failure.

You will find, and other advanced liberals and radicals who believe as you do, will soon find that you are merely paltering with skin deep measures when you stop short of socialism."

Mayor Dunne at once wrote Mr. Patterson, accepting his resignation and promising to reply to his letter in the near future.

Dunne Regretful.

"I have accepted the resignation of Mr. Patterson with sincere regrets," said the mayor. "He says he has resigned because he is a socialist. I do not think that it was necessary for him to resign. Because he cannot accomplish what the socialists want accomplished he evidently became disheartened."

that overproduction reduced prices. It is a queer condition when overproduction increases prices; in other words, the more you produce the more you will have to pay for products, and the more goods capitalists have on hand the more they will charge.

For having formed a union, thirty-five miners were fired by the Westmorland company of Jeannette, Pa., last week. Unionism is only permissible among the capitalists—when they have the power to enforce the rule.

Contributions for the municipal campaign fund are now in order. Send your donations to the state secretary, Helena.

FIRST VICTORY GAPON EXPOSED

Socialism Scores Its First Triumph in England—New Labor Party Forces First Concession.

Of the fifty labor representatives to the British parliament in the election, just closed, thirty-one are avowed Socialists, nine are anti-socialist, and the remainder are socialistic in sympathy. The leadership of this party has been assigned to Keir Hardie, an old-time war horse in the English socialist movement. Prior to the late elections Keir Hardie was the only Socialist member of parliament. The sudden rise of socialism in England to a representation of thirty-one has attracted world-wide attention and interest. The following press dispatch tells of its first victory which marks the entrance of the English working class into the international labor movement:

London, March 3.—In the house of commons yesterday the members of the Labor party scored a success with their first bill of the session, empowering local educational authorities to provide meals for underfed school children. The government, through Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education, and John Burns, president of the local government, said the ministers would endeavor to secure the passage of the measure at this session.

The Boston News Bureau gives out the information that Thomas Cole and John D. Ryan are behind a pool which is to include at least 75 per cent of the copper production of the world. The object of the pool, it is stated, is to establish a uniform price for copper. The copper owners at present, it is presumed, are not getting their just dues, worrying along on present prices. Let us all congratulate the poolers and rejoice in their good fortune and business sagacity and try to look sweet.

The coal supply of Nome has been cornered, according to a dispatch this week, by the North Western Commercial company and the John Seson company, who refuse to sell, although \$50 a ton has been offered. The situation is said to be serious. The war department has been appealed to for coal from Fort Davis. Nome is within the Arctic circle, where to cut off the coal supply is to confront men with death. The bandit coal barons here are looting the people on pain of death. They are committing a crime for which a poor man would be hanged. Yet the capitalist brained sheep of Nome ask for coal instead of troops from Fort Davis.

THE KNOCKER

Dependence on discipline, external pressure and artificial regulations, argues lack of force and vitality in the movement. Socialism will falter until it discovers its true spirit, and will halt until it learns to rely on its inherent forces.

There are men in the socialist movement who are not happy unless the party is made up of material and mental bankrupts.

There are some socialists who think a man should look disreputable in order to be a loyal proletarian.

The socialist whom we could lose with the greatest benefit is the one who imagines his death would be a fatal blow to the movement.

You cannot build a movement upon mistrust. A living faith in living forces alone quickens, germinates, fructifies.

A man who tells you that socialism is inevitable and then sweats bloody sweat because he is afraid the movement will be sidetracked, is more inconsistent than the man who votes against what he wants for fear of throwing his vote away.

It is lucky sentiment is an internal manifestation, otherwise many good socialists would be tried by their comrades for heresy.

The greatest of all obstructions to socialism is the impossibility which admits of but one view and one type, and mistrusts everything outside its sphere.

Current socialism must be full of vital truth, otherwise it could not grow under the mountain of error narrow minded socialists have loaded upon it.

The man who invented the term "intellectual," to designate a separate and dangerous class in the socialist movement, was so innocent of any-

Erstwhile Idol of the Russian Working Class, Who Counseled Moderation, Was Paid By Czar.

Moderation has received a set back and revolution a powerful impetus as the result of the exposure of the leaders of the moderates, Father Gapon and Matchusensky. Before the last revolutionary outbreak Gapon, it will be remembered, set himself assiduously to the work of defeating the revolutionists by organizing a moderate wing of the proletariat on the basis of simple trade unionism, for shorter hours and higher wages. The following press dispatch looks as though Russian Gompersism will receive a fatal set back:

St. Petersburg, March 4.—During a meeting today of the Father Gapon organization, which is investigating the scandal involving charges of accepting money from the government, an accused member dramatically committed suicide.

With the disappearance of Matchusensky, the assistant of Father Gapon, who was charged with the embezzlement of \$12,000 belonging to the workingmen's organization, it was discovered that the moderate organization, which Gapon established after the Russian Emperor's manifesto of October 30 was subsidized by the government, which supplied funds for the rent of the club house and for literature.

The revelation was made by the president of the Patiloff section of the organization, who complained that \$12,000 of the funds furnished through former Minister of Commerce Timiriazeff had not reached the treasury of the moderate party.

When Matchusensky was arrested at Saratoff, February 24, it was said that he would be taken to St. Petersburg for trial and that the proceedings against him were expected to be sensational, on account of his relations with Premier Witte and former Minister of Commerce Timiriazeff and other prominent persons.

The recent riots in Springfield, O., against the negro quarter of the town, in which the united force of the troops and police were unavailing for days against a looting and burning crowd of whites, brings before us an ugly and a dangerous phase of our capitalist civilization, which breeds slums, ignorance and racial prejudices. In another generation capitalism would be deluged by the barbarianism it breeds.

thing intellectual in himself, that he was obliged to borrow from the men he attacked, enough intelligence to apply the epithet, and he will never be able to repay the debt.

The socialist who gives an individual interpretation to the doctrine that we are governed by our material interests who pooh poohs sentiment, sneers at moral passion, laughs at the overmastering powers of conviction, nine times out of ten is a man who sacrifices his job, spends his meager income, endangers his existence, denies himself, and suffers hunger, ostracism, persecution and finally death, for a great ideal he knows he will never realize.

An injunction has been secured by Matthew Kiely, suspended chief of police of St. Louis, which puts the Folk reform forces to route. The supreme court of Missouri has decided that the city reformers must confine their efforts to the inside of the city, while the grafters paint the outside red. This only illustrates the principle that capitalism is a disease which is not dead until the last germ is exterminated. The forces of corruption in St. Louis are preparing for a carnival of vice this summer. Five cents will land any man in St. Louis in the midst of it.

Another ugly phase of our civilization is the hideous morbidism which breaks out like an increasing epidemic. One of the latest cases in this line is the case of Charles Howard and pal, who wantonly killed Harvey Jones in the state of Kentucky. They stopped at a cut on the railroad, where it was customary for tramps to get on or off the trains and agreed to kill the first tramp they saw. Jones got off a train and although neither knew him, and he had no money, they shot him to gratify a purely destructive or homicidal instinct.

Boost the municipal campaign fund.

Socialism Dooms War

The International Congress of Socialists Takes Action Preventing War.

While war clouds are lowering over Europe, while a universal pessimism prevails on account of the arrogant attitude of Germany's bellicose monarch, while armies and fleets are being mobilized and hurried to and fro, a great gleam of promise breaks through the clouds in the shape of the latest move of the International Socialist movement, which is to link together the brotherhood of labor to prevent human mass-murder henceforward forever on this planet. Once the great peace movement is launched no nation can go to war on pain of having its industries paralyzed and its transportation facilities tied up by the united workmen of the world. Here is the press dispatch telling of the event.

Adopt Motion.

Brussels, March 4.—The international congress, comprising the socialist leaders of Europe, including Herr Bebel, socialist leader in the German reichstag, M. Jaures, leader of his party in the French chamber of deputies; James Keir Hardie, chairman of the labor party in the British house of commons, and M. Vandervelde, and a number of Russian revolutionists, adopted a motion calling for united socialist action for the prevention of wars.

The original motion which led up to this action came from France, and is here given:

Original Motion.

"As soon as a situation shall be presented which, openly or secretly, may give rise to an apprehension of a conflict between two or more governments, and render a war between them possible or probable, the socialist parties of the countries concerned should at once, and upon the invitation of the International Socialist Bureau, enter into direct communications with a view

to determine upon a concerted mode of action on the part of socialists and workmen of the interested countries in order to prevent the war.

"At the same time the parties of the other countries should be advised by the secretary of the bureau and a meeting of the International Socialist Bureau shall be held as soon thereafter as possible for the purpose of devising the most appropriate measures to be taken by the entire international socialist movement, and the organized working class to prevent the war."

Great Gathering

Socialist Function Proves to Be Most Successful Affair.

Local Livingston has set the pace in the social development of the movement in Montana, a development which plays such an important part in the promotion of unity and class conscious solidarity that it is being seized by the Socialist party the world over as a factor of no mean value. From small beginnings Livingston is developing a genuine social life, which is operating not only as a great unifying force but it is proving a veritable mainstay and treasury for the collection of party funds.

This same thing must be done in every local in Montana and for that matter the world over sooner or later, and it is far better sooner than later. The Finn comrades have already begun the same development in Butte and are reaching encouraging not to say surprising results.

Comrade Mrs. John Beard sends in the following facts which bear striking testimony of the success of the event. Forty-seven tables of progressive whist were kept going.

Refreshments were served to nearly

300 persons.

At 25 cents a ticket, receipts were \$103.50.

Expenses were \$38.65, leaving a balance of \$64.85 for the treasury. Every member of Local Livingston constituted a committee of one to make the affair a success.

It was the biggest card party ever given by anyone in Livingston.

Music was furnished for the occasion and for the dance given in connection with the affair by Comrades of Livingston and Chico.

In fairness it is due to mention the fact that the coffee was furnished by the Yellowstone Grocery Co.

The Comrades of Livingston are justly proud of their work and well they may be for they demonstrating the invaluable value of such activities in weaning the working class from bourgeois social functions and to a spirit and manner of social expression all its own.

Read about the Belgian Voruit in developing and being convinced of the social opportunities that lie within reach of the rising proletariat.

Stirring Call To Action.

Labor Warned to Prepare, and Capital Warned to Beware, if Union Leaders Are Murdered.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 19, 1906. — Moyer and Haywood, Pioneer Block, Denver, Colorado:

"Hearty congratulations upon the latest move of Standard Oil. The gang of pirates who are running things out there will next charge you with having crucified Christ. The crimes they impute to you they are guilty of themselves. You can appeal from the capitalist courts owned by these red-handed plunderers to the working class of America. If they want an uprising, they can have it. A million of revolutionary workmen stand behind you and will be with you at the finish. Every fresh outrage they perpetrate upon you to divert attention from their own criminal guilt but hastens the day of their doom. Down with the capitalist system. On with the social revolution, the day of emancipation is drawing near."

EUGENE V. DEBBS.
From one end of the country to the other militant labor is stirred to its depth by the dastardly attempt to murder the officers of the Western Federation of Miners. The entire trend of the militant labor press is a sense that nothing but firm and united action on the part of the working class will prevent the judicial murder, as is evidenced by the following:

It being evident that the Standard Oil freebooters have taken the law in their own hands, nothing remains for us but to meet them upon the ground and with the weapons of their own choosing. Workingmen of America, be prepared to act. (Signed)

CHAS. O. SHERMAN,
General President.

Wm. E. Trautmann,
General Secretary-Treasurer Industrial Workers of the World.

"We are growing in strength and nearing a crisis. We are strong enough to prevent them from hanging those men in Idaho. Our lives must be given before we permit them to hang." — A. M. Simons.

If the Standard Oil gang of pirates persist in their attempt to strangle Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and other representatives of the working class we predict that they will pay an awful price for their victory. They may murder a few labor leaders that they see standing in the way of their complete rule of the mining states, but they cannot kill the class that Moyer and Haywood represent. In the name of 500,000 class-conscious socialists of America we warn Rogers and his hirelings that we will hold them answerable for the lives of the men they have unconstitutionally and without due process of law dragged from their state without a hearing.—Chicago Socialist.

The kidnapping of Comrades Moyer and Haywood and the evident attempt of the capitalists to railroad them to the gallows may prove the most costly blunder ever committed by the tools of plutocracy. So far it has resulted in uniting for a common purpose unions that were not on speaking terms before. If this dastardly plot to murder our leaders and crush unionism goes much farther the old historic song of the miners may again ring in the ears of the ruling class:

"Then shall our leaders die?
Shall our leaders die?
Here's half a million fighting men will know the reason why!"

—Salt Lake Crisis.

Shall we who know sit supinely down and permit this crime to go unchallenged? No!

If these comrades of ours are murdered, then their blood will roset upon the heads of the socialists and trade unionists of America!—Appeal to Reason.

We are convinced that they will fool themselves—even if they carry out their infamous plan—that the rank and file of the labor movement will not be so timid and docile as they were in 1887, but will respond to such a capitalist crime by more vigorous revolutionary action.—New York Worker.

One thing is certain, every move that is made in this western drama will be watched by millions of workmen and their friends in this country, and woe to those who attempt to duplicate the Haymarket affair!—Cleveland Citizen.

The class struggle is on; and, as long as it prevails, labor will supply all the men necessary to fight it to a successful issue in labor's behalf.—Weekly People.

This much can be said: That if these men are put to death without every opportunity to defend, capitalism in this country will have called upon itself a black mark that it can never erase and that will one day rise up to politically avenge the foul deed.—Social Democratic Herald.

They will be able probably, if they are determined, to clear the officers of the Western Federation out of their head-long path, but if they do they will have to pay the price. The day of working class revolt, and working class triumph, and capitalism's final and everlasting defeat will be materially hastened.—Union Sentinel.

If the capitalists convict them of this murder without giving them a fair trial, they will pull down an avalanche about their heads that will bid fair to throw this country into an armed revolution.—Common Sense.

MRS. HAZLETT'S REPORT.

Invades Havre Trades Council—Holds Big Meetings at Glasgow and Great Falls.

The Trades Council of Havre had issued a call for a mass meeting on the night of February 26, to discuss the primary law. The socialists sent word down to Helena for me to slide up there, stating that they would pay all expenses. It costs a good deal to go to Havre, but the night of the meeting I was there. The report that a socialist was in town who would oppose the primary law at the meeting created consternation in the ranks of the grafters and fakirs. The chief labor fakir wanted to disband the meeting and not let me speak. He had just put in 123 hours overtime, and refused to stay to hear the talk. The mayor, the preacher, and the school professor were there all to encourage the lamblike workman to vote for the primary law. Their arguments were a caution. The teacher favored the law because he said it would enable them to get the county seat at Havre. It is said that he expects a job of county clerk. I gave as thorough an explanation as I could of how the law would simply fasten the shackles of class rule closer on the helpless worker and make his ability to control government by the ballot more and more of a dead letter. The kid glove class looked sick and left the meeting early, leaving the proletarians, the Great Northern shop boys, and the rest of us in possession.

With Laundry Workers.
Tuesday night a social had been arranged by the laundry workers to which the clerks had been invited, for the purpose of organizing the girls into the Industrial Workers of the World. A fine banquet had been arranged. The attendance was rather discouraging, but I spoke on the prime importance of women being organized into the working class movement.

Holds Socialist Meeting.
Wednesday night the hall had been procured for a socialist meeting. The shop band had offered to play but the edict of overtime was sent forth from the shops, (strange that such things always happen just when a socialist meeting is on tap), and we were minus both band and machinists. In wonderful contrast to the conditions at Livingston and Glasgow the socialists have never been able to break into the Havre shops. We'll have to have a week's street meetings there next summer. We had a fair attendance at the hall meeting, however. Some subs and literature were sold and we had the consolation of having something doing at Havre anyhow. We have been trying for some time to get meetings at Chinook, but failed to get a correspondent on this trip also. There are five towns between Havre and Glasgow, Chinook, Harlem, Malta, Saco, and Hinsdale, where we shall have to go and do street work next summer, and see that some socialist teaching is taken to their benighted intellects.

At Glasgow.
Glasgow is a railroad town. We have one or two first class socialists among the railroad men, and as a result the socialist sentiment is strong. The socialists are influential and a continual propaganda of conversion is being carried on. Thursday night I spoke in the church, which was well filled. Friday night we had a fine crowd in the opera house, and a good part of the evening was given to explaining the pitfalls of the primary law. Saturday afternoon a meeting for ladies only was held in the church. About 25

women were out, and were much interested in a discussion of woman's unnatural condition and its economic cause. The socialists of Glasgow have great encouragement and help in the support of their wives. This is a striking contrast to the condition that prevails at Havre. There is the utmost need to see that women study economic questions, especially in states where they are non-voters. The condition of ignorance in which they have been kept is a serious drawback to all movements for the betterment of humanity. Two aldermen and some school officers are to be elected in Glasgow this spring, and the socialists think they stand a good show of bagging some of the places. Comrade Kampfer, who runs a confectionery store, keeps the News constantly on sale.

In Great Falls.
Great Falls is, as usual, in a constant socialist uproar. The socialists have got the town in a ferment over the primary law. The election takes place March 27. The Tribune, the organ of the Amalgamated company here, is moving heaven and hades to get the law passed. It even made a feint of throwing its columns open to free discussion. The editor of the News wrote an interesting article in opposition, signed it I. C. Hazlett, and sent it to Great Falls to be mailed. It thus got publicity in the paper, and now we are here in person to beard the lion in his lair. The lion is not very courageous, as Comrade Dickenson has challenged every lawyer in town to a debate on the law, a hall to be furnished. Not a person would go up in defense of the law. There were six socialists primed to appear in opposition. Which shows that the enemy depends for success upon a nasty still hunt.

A Big Social.
We are to have two meetings in a large vacant store on Main street, and Wednesday night the Woman's Socialist club gives a social. Two hundred tickets are already sold, and there is a big demand for more. This club has a membership of 35, and they distribute literature, and are doing a truly grand work to carry forward the socialist propaganda.

The comrades here have six lists out to get a subscription for the News. Several have considerable money on the lists already. If all the locals would do this it would enable the News to get square on its feet, with an equipment that would very nearly enable it to meet its own expenses.

WYOMING LETTER.

Interesting News About Condition of Socialist Party in Wyoming.
Laramie, Wyo., Feb. 28, 1906.
Dear Comrade:
The Local Secretaries of Wyoming are keeping up a banner record on monthly reports and if the members follow their leaders and keep up their end of the work we will land further up the list than we did last year. 25 out of 38 organized states with the smallest population is good but if a few of the oldest locals had done a little more toward keeping those members which they had we would have done better. The only local that has gone out of active life is Dietz and I hope the Comrades at that point will wake up and do their part. The coal companies at Dietz, Carneyville, Rock Springs and other points have done about everything that they dared. In their efforts to stamp out any sign of socialist organization and the only success they have had is at Dietz where they lost the men and we contributed members and agitators to new fields in the other camps the opposition has stirred into active life the indifferent and careless numbers and sympathizers. During the winter we chartered Locals Hulett in Crook Co. and Robertson in Uinta Co. and branches have been organized by Locals Carneyville and Rock Springs. Local Diamondville will soon have a charter also Local Sweetwater County as only a few preliminaries stand in the way. Our state committee meets in June and if the Comrades wish to kill two birds with one stone they may get to work and call the state convention for the same date. The receipts of this office for Feb. were: dues \$24.50, supplies \$2.50, total \$27.00. Expenses \$15.00. Cash on hand \$60.55. With all due allowance for the frailties and vagaries of mankind we are doing as well as can be expected but if our Comrades wish to convince others that they are able and capable of assuming controls of any branch of our government they will have to get rid of the easy way of expecting some good Comrade to do everything right.

W. L. O'NEILL, state sec.-treas.,
Wyoming Socialist Party.

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THE LEWIS-HARRIMAN DEBATE.

The Simple Labor Party Receives a Knockout Blow From Champion of Socialism.

The Lewis-Harriman debate in Los Angeles on the question "Resolved that it is the duty of the socialists to support every economic or political struggle into which organized labor as such enters," was decided in favor of Comrade Lewis for the negative by a rising vote of 800 to 250. When the vote was taken on the question as to the merits of the debate it was decided in favor of Lewis by a vote of 525 to 350, showing there were at least 100 in the audience who while they were convinced by the points scored by Lewis acknowledged the splendid representation the union labor side received. The debate is said to have done more in Southern California to convince the working people that the socialist party is the true working class party and trade union parties are merely capitalistic parties than any other event that has ever happened there before. The debate grew out of the struggle in California between that wing of labor which is attempting to establish a "labor" party with Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco and Reuf the political labor trader as its leaders, and the socialist party the true working class organization.

A NEW SCAB.

One Ferret Takes Place of Three Men in Laying Wires. Chance for Gompers.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 2. — Ferrets are being used to string wires through conduits in the reconstruction of the telephone plant. One ferret does the work of three men, much better and quicker. A light harness is placed upon the ferret, a fish line attached and the live rat turned loose in the pipe with a start of a few feet. Both come through very rapidly, and the rat is caught in a sack and delivered to the ferret.

Superintendent of Construction Cline, talking of the work, said he formerly considered the ferret idea of stringing wires through ducts as a newspaper joke, but was finally induced to take it seriously. Previously the company used jointed rods, which required the attention of three men. There were hooked together and pushed through the ducts.

This reminds us of a recent authentic account from the south to the effect that monkeys were being trained to pick cotton and that already they were proving more satisfactory and cheaper than "men." In any environment the fittest for that environment survive. This is only another case of the survival of the fittest. The competitive wage system gives the job to the cheapest labor. In a case of this kind a simple rat diet is the only protection. Capitalistic benevolence consists in turning the working mule out to grass when it can get its labor done cheaper. Working class intelligence consists in voting the capitalists in power every election instead of voting for the ownership of the industries and the full product of its labor. It might be well now since Gompers will not listen to the latter plan for him to organize the International Brotherhood of Ferrets as a protection against scabs.

A TRAITOR AFTER VOTES.

Si Wincott, Fired from Party For Voting for Capitalistic Candidates, Wants Re-Election.

Si Wincott, alderman from the Seventh ward, is going to run for reelection this spring on a citizen's ticket. He has the requisite number of signatures to his petition, and will file it in a day or two with the city clerk. Mr Wincott was elected alderman in 1904 on the socialist ticket. It will be recalled that the socialists require all their candidates to leave written resignations in the hands of the central committee, so that in case of election and subsequent failure to carry out the socialists' rules they may be summarily removed from office by means of the resignations. One of the rules of the socialist party is that no alderman or other official shall vote for a capitalistic nominee. When Mayor MacGinnis was making his nominations last spring, Alderman Wincott voted for several capitalistic policemen, etc. His resignation was handed to the mayor. The council accepted it, declared a vacancy and then promptly re-elected him to succeed himself. All this was done without Mr. Wincott leaving his seat in the council chamber. It continued him as alderman, but it put him outside the breastworks of the socialist party. Now he proposes to run without any particular affiliations.

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Political Predictions.
Party Lines Are Being Closely Drawn at Livingston.
(Special to the News.)
Livingston, March 3, 1906.—Party lines were never so closely drawn in Livingston as at present. You can tell a man's politics here not only by the company he keeps, but by what he drinks. Democrats here drink nothing but Bourbon whiskey, the Republicans drink whatever they can get, but the Socialists drink only Schlitz Beer, and—worst of all—they have to go to a Democrat named Hogan to get it.
John Hogan, 106 Main Street, Livingston, Mont.

International Movement.

Newsy Notes of World-Wide Socialist Activities.

Odessa, March 4.—It is announced from St. Petersburg that Emperor Nicholas has pardoned Ex-Lieutenant Schmidt, who commanded the Russian cruiser Oetchakoff during the mutiny at Sebastopol and who was recently sentenced to death by a court-martial.

Addressing the court before sentence was passed upon him, Lieutenant Schmidt said:

"I will believe that my pillory will be the frontier post separating old Slavish Russia from new free Russia. If I could buy Russian freedom with the most terrible death, I would die smiling."

This noble patriot of the revolution is the man whom the Russian admiral spoke of as "an incompetent and worthless fellow."

SECRET CONFERENCE OF SOCIALISTS.

A secret meeting of socialists at the residence of J. G. Phelps Stokes, Norton Point, Conn., for four days during the week, was reported by the Associated Press. It is said to be the result of invitations sent out from New York about a month ago.

Robert Hunter, author of "Poverty," and Joseph Medill Patterson, who resigned from the board of public works of Chicago, are mentioned prominently among those attending. Mr. Stokes refused to give out any information to the press, further than to say "I have a few gentlemen at my house and we are discussing matters of interest to all voters."

Great Victory in Austria.

As a result of the recent general strike in Austria, engineered by the Social Democratic party, five bills have been introduced in the lower house of the Austrian parliament by Premier Baron Gautsch von Frankenthum. The bills provide for the election of 455 deputies to the lower house. Every Austrian 24 years old and domiciled in a constituency for a year will be entitled to vote, and every one possessed of Austrian citizenship for at least three years will be eligible to election.

French Socialist Measure.

The principle socialist measure before the French Chamber of Deputies, the workingmen's old age pension bill, has been passed. It provides that the employer, employee and government each contribute to a fund from which the workingman may be pensioned after he is 65 years of age.

German Autocracy Terrified.

Prince Bulow, in a recent speech in the German reichstag, made an appeal for all "parties of order" to forget their differences and act together against the social democracy. Count Pasadowsky, before the same body, attacked universal suffrage, which he said "entailed the danger that, deputies instead of leading the masses might be led by them." The rising power of the socialist movement of Germany has struck terror to the hearts of the ruling class.

By a vote of 6,685 to 5,647 the Burnley Weavers' association of England has withdrawn from the Labor Representation committee, the body which recently sent so many representatives to parliament. It was the Burnley Weavers who turned down the great socialist leader, Hyndman, in favor of the lowest type of labor skate, Maddison. Their recent action indicates that they have repented and are drifting to the real revolutionary party of England, the Social Democratic Federation.

London Justice, an English socialist paper, shows that the plan of the Salvation army to colonize the unemployed of Great Britain in Canada, has resulted only in the supplying of a cheap and helpless labor to certain companies. The immigrants find upon their arrival in Canada that Canada itself is suffering from an unemployed problem and they are obliged to accept the wages offered them or endanger themselves with starvation. Four thousand have engaged to ship to Canada.

La Vaix du Peuple, a French socialist paper, is fighting militarism by publishing cartoons of the recruits, labeled, "Fit to Kill." When attempts were made to seize the paper the copies were hid and afterwards circulated. The crusade against war and bloodshed by the socialists of France is having its effect.

The Australian unions and socialist party are setting out to reduce the

hours of labor until all men are employed. After getting a general eight-hour lay there are still many unemployed and the fight is about to begin for a six-hour day. Success is probable on account of the power of the Socialist party.

Comrade Loebe of the Volkswacht, Germany, condemned the unfairness of the Prussian electoral law, which practically disfranchises the working class; he is now in jail.

Rosa Lupenburg of the staff of the Vorwarts, Berlin, spoke recently in favor of a general strike in Germany to secure the full enfranchisement of the German working class; she is now languishing in prison.

The Vorwarts reports that the socialists cast 100,000 votes and elected 38 representatives in the recent election in Switzerland. This is a large gain over the last election; this is the growth world-wide.

In the recent municipal election in Denmark the socialist representation in the city councils rose from 56 to 155. Six Danish cities are now totally in the hands of the socialists. They won two-fifths of the seats contested.

Revolutionary guns are going into Finland so fast that part of the czar's fleet has been dispatched to patrol the Finnish coast. Our Bloody Sunday contributions we see are bearing fruit. Some of our Finnish comrades were lucky enough this week to break open a bank in Helsingfors, Finland, and get \$38,000.00. This will help them some more.

WISCONSIN NEWS.

What the Party Is Doing in Milwaukee for the Working Class.

It is sometimes amusing to know what the other side thinks of us. The Milwaukee "Voters League" (a sort of "good citizens" association of the would-be reform stripe) in a lengthy report on the records of the Milwaukee aldermen, which was published in all the Milwaukee papers, has this to say of the Socialists in the city council:—"The Social-Democrats have voted as a unit upon every important proposition before the council. — The league does not question the sincerity nor the singleness of purpose shown by this party's representatives in the council and county board. That the Social-Democratic influence in both council and board, but especially the former, has been good on the opinion as to the expediency of giving this party increased political power. Aldermen claim that they are the cause of protracted meetings, when formerly business was handled with dispatch. The public may rather hold this, at times, a good thing. The most serious detriment to their usefulness is the fact that while engaged in the work of seeking to increase their party strength, the value of the council and committee records as campaign material is never overlooked, and it may be said without injustice, that they frequently consider their party interests, rather than the public good." (Read "good of the capitalists.") "That same party adherence makes it apparently difficult for them to believe that men of other political parties may also be sincere." In the report on individual aldermen, the league says of our leaders in the council: "Albert J. Welch: One of the most intelligent, best educated, and clearest-headed men in the council, deserves better appointment than the tail-end of the sewerage committee. Frederic Heath: Also a man of intelligence and education, but whose conduct in the council has been so obnoxious" (to the capitalist-owned aldermen) "as to provoke threats of expulsion from that body. Edmund T. Melms: An earnest, hard-working, and influential alderman, but an intemperate speaker. Emil Seidel: This alderman is an aggressive, painstaking representative. While his speeches show extreme Social-Democratic bitterness, he seems to make few enemies and has been of much service." So much for a view of ourselves through the enemy's glasses.

The Social-Democrats made another strong fight in the Milwaukee city council last Monday against one more franchise steal. Ald. Welch (Social-Democrat) called it a "rank steal" and the gallery applauded. All the amendments proposed by our men were voted down, including a provision that eight tickets should be sold for 25 cents during the morning and evening

hours when workmen use the cars. Even this simple proposition led to a hot debate. One "reform" alderman called the Socialists "rainbow chasers," but our men at once produced facts and figures to prove that they knew exactly what they were talking about. The old parties had the majority, but the Social-Democrats had the best of the argument.

The Milwaukee city campaign has fairly opened with large and enthusiastic meetings at the South Side Armory and Bahn Frei Turner Hall, addressed by William A. Arnold, Carl D. Thompson, and others. 25,000 copies of the Social-Democratic Herald and 5,000 copies of the Wahrheit were distributed from house to house last Sunday, and from now on until election day, English, German, and Polish leaflets and papers will be distributed every week in immense quantities. This house to house distribution is the great feature of the Milwaukee campaigns.

A conference of the elected Social-Democratic officials of Wisconsin will take place March 11. Officials from Milwaukee, Racine, Manitowoc, and Kenosha will be present. The object of this conference is to discuss municipal problems upon which our men have to take some practical stand.

W. R. Gaylor spoke in Brodhead last Sunday and Monday, and in Monticello on Tuesday.

Alderman Welch spoke in White-water Feb. 23.

Thomas J. Morgan spoke in National Hall, Milwaukee, March 4.

E. H. THOMAS,
State Secretary.

MINNESOTA NEWS.

Old Troubles Outgrown and Party is in Splendid Shape for Work.

During the past year two attempts were made by the expelled faction of Local Minneapolis to hold a state convention, in which they were assisted by a few friends in St. Paul and five men from the outside.

The first was a dismal failure, and the second still worse for its projectors, inasmuch as it ended in the complete disruption of the disturbers and their division into three hostile factions.

At last the genuine convention has been held and true lovers of the party will rejoice to know it was well represented from all parts of the state and by over one half of the organized locals.

Great interest was manifest from the start. Dr. Tanner introduced a motion to reinstate the expelled faction, and the question was freely discussed for the larger part of two sessions, but resulted in the nearly unanimous decision that each individual would have to apply and be judged upon his individual merits.

The convention was a complete success in every respect. A full state ticket was placed in nomination, amendments proposed to the new constitution and a strong working platform adopted with only one dissenting vote. Platform and amendments will be submitted to referendum within a few days and then the party will be ready for business.

Just before adjournment Dr. Tanner gave his English speaking comrades the glad hand of fellowship in behalf of his Finnish comrades, and stated that they came here filled with suspicion against the state organization, but was pleased to announce that their doubts had been removed.

There is no reason now why the Public Ownership (Socialist) Party should not go on to win a splendid record for socialism.

E. M. Holman has again been elected National Committee by referendum. Several new applications for charter have been received, among others a strong local at Detroit and Thief River Falls, which have both doubled their membership in the first few weeks. Austin has also been reorganized.

Local Grand Rapids proposes to send Comrade Thos. J. Peach into the field to organize Itasca County. The local has also gotten the discussion of Socialism introduced into the high school. From all over the state words of good cheer and rejoicing over the results of the state convention are being received.

Eugene V. Debbs has delivered four lectures in the state, and a new awakening is taken place at each point visited.

Minnesota proposes to maintain her place in line with other states in the struggle for human rights and the Co-Operative Commonwealth.

Fraternally,
J. E. NASH, State Sec.

A RINGING CONDEMNATION.

Mine Owners Played by Butte Local for Attempt to Murder Officers of Miners' Union.

The Butte local passed the following resolutions February 26:

Once more the irrepressible class war has broken out, instigated by the capitalist class, and by this class is being forced with all the venom and malignity that can be inspired by class hatred nursed and kept alive by the capitalist class, against the class who feed

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and support them, to-wit, the working class;

Therefore, be it resolved, by Butte Local, No. 1, Socialist party, that we condemn with all the force that language can convey, the unlawful, cowardly conspiracy of the Mine Owners' association, and their henchmen, respectively, the implicated state and local officials of Colorado and Idaho, notably Governor McDonald, of Colorado, for their participation in this despicable, contemptible attempt at breaking up—first, the Western Federation of Miners, and eventually the undoing of all other labor organizations, which are organized on the uncompromising principle—that to Labor Belongs the Full Product of Its Toil.

We know Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone to be good and true, law-abiding citizens. We recognize that these men are not guilty, but fighting the battles of the working class, and in the fight between the capitalist class and working class, we are for the working class. They are men who, because of their unswerving fidelity to their fellow workers of the Western Federation of Miners, have been before as unjustly and tyrannically persecuted, and have as often been honorably acquitted by competent courts of justice.

We proclaim our unbounded confidence in the honor and manhood of Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and pledge our full moral and financial support; and be it further

Resolved, that Butte Local No. 1, Socialist party, feel it to be its duty to issue a warning to the working class of all the earth to rally for and by the working class, against all other classes on the industrial field as well as the political field; to be class conscious, and thus avoid all pitfalls and snares laid for them by the capitalist class, and impress upon their minds the consequences of the mistakes of the working class.

At the late state election of Colorado, where unclass-conscious workers boycotted, at the ballot box, the standard bearer of the working class, Mr. Fioaten, in their vain endeavor to avoid a capitalistic tyrant, Mr. Peabody, and voted for Mr. Adams, another capitalistic candidate, they got Mr. McDonald, present governor of the state of Colorado instead.

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WHAT OF YOUR LEADERS?

The Helena Independent, which is not earning its money if it is not attacking organized labor, and therefore cannot be blamed, after getting off its little speech about the majority of miners who are "decent, quiet, law-abiding homeloving workmen," comes back to the real purpose of its article after accusing the "leaders" of thirty assassinations, with the query, "What do you think of your leaders?"

Let us reverse the question and put it squarely back at them, "What do you think of your leaders?" Secret assassinations, by a handful of outraged and embittered workmen, who had suffered every indignity and cruelty that brutal and vindictive corporations could heap upon them through their military and "civil" hirelings, is as nothing compared to the crimes and high-handed outrages of the leaders of the capitalist class.

What do you think of your leaders in Colorado who bribed a venal legislature to break a constitutional provision and defeat an eight-hour law plunging Colorado in a gigantic labor war? What do you think of these leaders who organized all the thugs, bums and grafters it could reach into a lawless mob who destroyed the miner's co-operative stores, tore men from their families without process of law, beat them into insensibility, bull-penned them, deported them by hundreds without trial, and perpetrated the cold blooded massacres of Sumner and other murders and assassinations? What do you think of your leader General Bell who shouted "to h— with the constitution and the habeas corpus?"

What do you think of your leaders who planned the outrages in the Coeur d'Alene, Homestead, Tampa, Florida, where the union leaders were left to starve on a lonely island in the Gulf of Mexico, in and the coal regions of West Virginia, where thirty helpless huddling men, women and children were murdered by black "citizen soldiery?"

What do you think of your leaders, Mr. Capitalist editor, who killed 16,000 men on the railroads last year, 17,500 in the steel industry, whose industrial murders are more destructive than military wars, who poison 500,000 babes per year with drugged milk, who kill a million people with adulterated groceries and who crush out life and hope from 2,000,000 little children in the factories?

What do you think of your leaders on Wall Street who are engaged in looting a nation; who corner commodities, starving and ruining millions, and whose trail of speculation is a trail of suicide and crime?

What do you think of your political leaders, who have everything for sale from honor to patriotism and whose treason against the people is the shame of every city, every state, and the nation?

Undoubtedly you like your leaders Mr. Capitalist Editor, and uphold all they do, for you never denounce them or raise your voice

in protest against their crimes against the working class.

In your smug way you taunt the working man with "Who is your leader?" But you forget it is your leaders who constitutes the danger which threatens the world today.

NEW RUSSIAN SOCIALIST TACTICS

The Russian Social-Democratic party has by a vote of 36 to 29 raised the boycott on the attempts of the Russian government to call the constitutional assembly and have instructed the members of the party to participate in the elections. This is a signal victory for constructive socialism over impossibilism in Russia, and marks the beginning of the real proletarian life in the eastern empire. While Russian constitutionalism offers no tangible liberty of amelioration to the working class, it lays the foundation for that political and industrial discipline and development so essential to the proletariat—a development which alone promotes class-conscious solidarity. The new constitution will so limit working class representation in the new Russian parliament that the Socialist party and the proletariat will not be able to accomplish anything definite against the Russian autocracy and the Russian capitalism; in fact it is already provided that no matter how powerful in numbers is the proletarian party they will be allowed only an insignificant minority representation. But it is under just such conditions that the proletarian life of Russia will develop until it becomes an irresistible force. Constitutional Russia will guarantee far greater facilities for socialist propaganda than have ever been enjoyed in the past, and the crass injustice of the limited representation will furnish an excuse for protest and struggle that will be used with great effect by the working class. In permitting the giant to feed his body and soul under the new regime, and at the same time in chaining the proletarian giant, the Russian autocracy and capitalism has dug its own grave; the giant will rise in its own due time and nothing can stay it. We congratulate our Russian comrades on the coming of constructive socialism which alone develops the material, moral and spiritual life of the proletariat.

The barricade may play a part yet in Russian proletarian development, but constructive socialism is the only power that can mass the forces behind the barricade in a way to make them certain of victory.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO SOCIALISM

The declaration of Dr. McIvor-Tyndall in his lecture that "socialism is the apprehension of the unity of purpose, unity of ideas, and individual effort" which is to constitute the impending world-revolution, is but another illustration of the fact that the conscious thought of the race is travelling the rapid road to socialism. The time is almost upon us when the thinking man cannot avoid being a socialist. All vital scientific and philosophical thought is socialistic. Socialism has practically driven capitalism out of sociology, and is rapidly capturing all those sciences that relate to the evolution of life. One of the latest developments of advanced thought is the perception that the whole world is growing into what is called cosmic consciousness, or the consciousness that we are part of the universal life; this includes social consciousness or socialism. Every new discovery of science and every development of industry is creating an environment which is rendering it increasingly impossible for the man who is intellectually alive to avoid the socialist conception of life and development. Socialism is withdrawing all that is vital and true from the civilization of the present and leaving the rotting husks to capitalism.

Here is a heading from our esteemed contemporary, the Record: "Rogers Must Tell Secrets of Standard or Perhaps Go to Jail." Yes perhaps. We perceive the Record is well disciplined.

Will the corporation papers that

have already condemned and executed Haywood and Moyer explain why the governor of Idaho and other who have reported on "Orchard's confession" are so particular to give the impression that the so-called confession was given because Orchard realized that he was near death and wished to hold nothing back? Everyone knows that there is a statute liberating the man who turns state evidence. It looks as though there was a conscious effort to steer public opinion along "safe" lines. The average liar often betrays himself by his anxiety to prevent certain suspicions from entering the minds of others. It looks like a put up job.

A prominent European ambassador was quoted as saying in regard to the Moroccan affair: "It is sad, that for the whims of one man Europe must be plunged into the horrors of war." Yes indeed it is sad that one man (Emperor William) can set 400,000,000 otherwise friendly people killing each other. What can we say of a civilization that gives to individuals such tremendous powers to do evil?

Investigations have become epidemic among law making bodies. The latest is the investigation of insurance graft by the Albany legislature. We hope these Solons will be able to tell the people all about it without hurting any one's feelings. They have the examples of scores of courts, legislatures and congress to guide them in the accomplishment of this ticklish feat, and undoubtedly they will succeed if they will only take their time about it? The idea is to be sufficiently calm and deliberate to give the people time to cool off and forget a little.

John D. is almost as good a joker as Chauncey. Occasionally he happens upon a piece of humor that is rich and rare and large. Here's his latest: "If all Christians tried to copy the life of Christ exactly all commerce, agriculture and other

business would cease." Nobody understands better than John D. how un-Christlike is the building up for instance of a trust. If Rockefeller had followed Christ he would not now be Standard Oil king but he would be a far happier man than he is.

Debs' Stirring Message.

Calls Working Class to Prepare for Action to Prevent Judicial Murder.

What I have to say about the latest and boldest stroke of the plutocracy will require but little space. It is not talk that is wanted but action.

The issue is clear. There can be no mistake about it.

The labor leaders that cannot be bribed or bullied must be ambushed and murdered. That is the situation in a nutshell. How shall we meet it? In just one way. We have got to fight.

Another Haymarket attempt will precipitate a revolution.

If murder must be committed it is not the working class alone that will furnish the victims this time.

Moyer, Haywood and their colleagues are absolutely innocent. The writer knows them to the heart's core and will stake his all on them.

The only crime they are guilty of is that they are unwaveringly true to the working class, and the working class can do no less than stand by them to the finish.

A million of men at the least will meet the issue with guns.

All working men and all other men who have red blood in their veins will rise up against this murderous plot of the plutocracy.

They have stolen our country, debauched our politics, defiled our judiciary and ridden over us roughshod, and now they propose to murder those who will not abjectly surrender to their brutal dominion.

Totally regardless of all other differences organized labor from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf can unite in one solid phalanx against plutocratic tyranny and crime.

We have no courts to appeal to. They belong to the plutocracy. We have tried them for years, and for one I am opposed to squandering our means going up against a brace game judiciary.

We are men and we have got to prove it. This fight is not of our seeking. It has been forced upon us and we can only evade it by showing the white feather of cowardice.

If we stand by supinely and see our loyal leaders murdered in cold blood, we deserve a similar fate and shall not escape it.

Let mass meetings be held all over the country and the workers aroused.

If they put our leaders in the penitentiary without trial we will pull them down as they did the bastille in France a hundred years ago.

The governors of Colorado and Idaho are but executing the mandates of their masters, the plutocracy.

The issue is the Workers versus Plutocracy.

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