

# Is Force Necessary

Cause of the Proletariat Strengthened by Reason and Discretion as Means to Obtain Justice.

Some leading socialists, judging by the tone of their recent utterances, appear to be advising the application of force in case of the conviction and execution of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners. I know the men who wrote these things are in a position to feel most keenly the hatred and malignity of organized capital. They have themselves suffered and I will not censure them for their bitter cry for justice. If many of us had gone through what they have we would have been bloody anarchists long ago. We would not have had the moral stamina to resist the bitter sting of revenge.

No one believes more than I that Moyer and his comrades are the subject of this capitalistic hate. I believe the whole thing a damnable plot to execute innocent men, to shield guilty parasites, to throw disgrace on organized labor and disrupt the most powerful labor organization that ever resisted the fiendish encroachments of organized greed.

But the following reasons are submitted why I do not think an armed uprising advisable to avenge the death of Moyer and his comrades in case they are unjustly executed.

First: It would not gain and hold the sympathy of the public, but would doubtless kill what sympathy we would have. It takes a long train of abuses through many years of suffering to arouse the public conscience to the point of sanctioning a general armed resistance to injustice. In my opinion the facts, while they would appeal as horrifying to the public mind, would not justify a revolution of force.

Second: I affirm with all emphasis that the laboring class itself could not be depended upon to join an armed revolution. They have not yet seen far enough ahead of their noses to VOTE for their rights much less FIGHT for them. All the world knows what happened but recently to labor in Colorado; what happened to labor but a short time before that in Idaho, in Chicago, in

Pennsylvania. But notwithstanding this history of bloody persecution the laborers have gone on voting their masters into power. No sooner had the guns of the militia in the very state of Colorado grown cold from shooting down their comrades than the laboring men had a chance to put into office a man who had suffered with them all the indignities of a brazen capitalist system. What did they do? A few voted for him. As to the rest, the best that can be said is that they compromised themselves on the reform delusion, and at last got a capitalistic governor. Although we have had from the beginning of our government a practically free ballot, where are the representatives of labor in our three branches of government—executive, judicial and legislative? They are conspicuous by their absence, while king-ridden Europe shows a proletariat awakening in the face of monarchial teaching and obstruction, that has put hundreds of representatives of labor in many of the national assemblies of the Old World. If men will vote their enemies into power when they could vote their defenders, if they will scab at the ballot box when they could vote a union ticket, if they will betray the men who have suffered for and with them, I fail to see how they can be counted upon at this stage of progress to join an armed revolution.

Third: An armed revolution ending in failure would retard the cause of labor or socialism, no one can estimate how long—perhaps for centuries. It would give strength to the foul misrepresentations of a blatant capitalist press, and strengthen our enemies in their hold upon the people.

Fourth: Capitalism would rejoice in nothing so much as to see labor undertake an armed revolution at this time. All the government machinery is on the side of capitalism. It has the militia, the standing army and the navy. It has the means of supplying all these sources of murder. What could we do?

Fight for a while until we are all shot down or hung, or in the end retard permanent proletarian victory for an indefinite period.

Fifth: The present methods being pursued in this matter are by far the best to be pursued even to the end. The best legal talent has been employed to defend our comrades; the most thorough investigation is being made into the causes of the arrests; the facts are being submitted to a candid world. If these things will not arouse such a public sentiment against the foul perpetrator of this infamous crime, as will sweep capitalism from political, economic and social dominion in this country, then our nation has not yet reached the point where other methods will gain any headway.

Sixth: Granting that the public would become sufficiently aroused to make an armed revolution successful, the same condition would pave the way for a peaceful revolution obtaining the same ends sought by the advisers of a revolution of force.

Comrades, as much as we love those of our numbers who are suffering unjust punishment at the

hands of base conspirators, let us not plunge too suddenly into the talk of force. If we had no ballot, if we had no peaceful means to overthrow capitalistic tyranny, if we had no way to put true representatives of labor into power, then we might talk of an armed uprising. But until we have the brains and manhood to use the ability and opportunity a just God has brought to us, let us not make too hasty a display of military genius.

PAUL H. CASTLE.

On May 27, Belgium holds the parliamentary elections. The socialists are making every preparation to take advantage of the limited franchise, and expect to make great gains as in the past.

Socialists in Montana must remember that a senator is to be elected this year. Clark expects to succeed himself. He is a disgrace to the name of a representative government. The working men can block his game in Montana if they will. Six socialists in the legislature will do it. Block Clark's senate game.

# Avarice Ruins City

Helena Light and Railway Company Says "City Be Damned... We Want Profits."

That fiend of Cerberian darkness, the clammy-clawed octopus that has Helena within its paralyzing clutches, that goes by the euphonic appellation of the Helena Light and Railway company, still continues to take advantage of the miserable slaves that are so unfortunate as to have to earn their living by working for it. The men are still on strike that quit when they were required to pay their fare to and from their work, thus reducing their wages ten cents a day. The strike was also against the numbering and ticketing system by badges. It seems the men were forced to pay a dollar apiece for these badges, and if they lost one had to purchase another. At last reports it is stated the company has only been able to get sixteen men to take the place of the strikers. The men might just as well resist here as any place. If instead of giving this stolen ten cents a day to the company they would organize and put it into a union fund they would soon be dictating to the company instead of having the company force their standard of living down to the grade of peons.

These men must be unionized. Every union man in the city owes it to himself and his family to see that the scab crushing of this monster of the Amalgamated is brought to a halt. The season is on, and the whole summer business of the Helena Light and Railway company could be smashed in the head if the working class of Helena should boycott this combination till it gives decent conditions to its employes. It is now forcing the men to work eleven hours a day in order to make up for the labor it can't get.

Moreover public service and enterprise must be completely subordinated to profits whenever the big combination gets full swing, and competition is completely crushed out. So those of you that have dreamed of better service when enormous capital takes control may realize that the public will never

have better service till the public owns the capital. Three large convocations are contemplating assembling here this summer. The Red Men, the Eagles, and a church convention. These occasions will attract thousands of strangers to Helena. The Eagles alone are expecting 4,000 people. It is the universal custom in this hospitable western country, at such times to extend the courtesy of free street cars, free sight seeing, and all that to the guests. But no sir-ee. Babst-Rockefeller-Amalgamated don't do things in that way. It's got the franchise. It paid the city dads for it, and city courtesies may go to thunder. But the Eagles have got their wheels to working, and they're not working in favor of the Amalgamated car wheels. They are going to boycott the whole business, march up from the depot with bands and banners, have chartered every carriage, bus and automobile in town, and will see the city without the assistance of the whole-hog Helena Light and Railway company. The worst is not yet, however. The local Eagles had thought to illuminate Main street with a most brilliant spectacular electric display in honor of the festivities. An expert made an estimate of the cost, and a generous allowance placed it at \$1500. The boys thought they would set aside \$1800 for the brilliant scene. But they had reckoned without their host. Seven thousand five hundred dollars was what this benevolent and paternal benefactor of Helena wanted.

The boys will use red fire or talow candles, or any other old thing, but they can't have electricity. Rockefeller's got it bottled, and they can't get it. Carr has got to make a showing or he'll lose his job. Walker pips "me to," and butts in to grind a working-man's dirty hide down a few more cents. Oh, yes, how do you like it? This is benevolent feudalism—benevolent assimilation—but it is what every republican and democrat in Helena has voted for.

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Hermon F. Titus  
National Socialist Organizer

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## QUORUM MEETING AGAIN DEFEATED

Local Quorum of Montana Socialist Party Meets in Livingston.

The local quorum met at Livingston on Sunday at 10 a. m. They adjourned at 11 p. m. to meet Wednesday, as Comrade Rooney could not get off Monday. A large amount of business was transacted which will appear in The News next week. The quorum is very anxious to improve the facilities of The News, and strengthen the paper in every way possible so as to have it in shape for heavy work after the state convention.

Plans were laid out for a summer campaign which means a lot of work to be done in Montana this summer. The following is the financial statement:

Livingston, Mont., April 30, '06.  
To the Members of the Socialist Party of Montana:

Comrades—We the undersigned members of the local quorum have audited the books of the state secretary and treasurer and submit the following statement:

Cash on hand at the last meeting of the quorum, \$44.16.  
Cash received since last meeting, \$1,504.01.  
Total, \$1,548.17.  
Money expended, \$1,515.45.  
Balance in treasury May 1, 1906, \$32.72.

RICHARD CORRIGAN.  
T. J. ROONEY.  
J. F. MABIE.

City Law Breakers Take Appeal Against Decision of Lower Court.

The union men are again the victors in their attack on the city for violating the eight-hour law in regard to public works. A test case is being made in regard to policemen, who work 12 hours. Rees Davis is the complainant.

The case first came up on a demurrer interposed by the city, which the court overruled. It was tried before Justice Curtis, who fined the city of Helena \$1 and costs. The city attorney took an appeal to the district court, where an attempt will be made to test the constitutionality of the law.

So the workers can see how much this "people's government" is interested in them. If a legislature does concede a law in their favor now and then, the courts, that are the tools of the capitalistic interests, annihilate it. You can't do anything with a government unless you have a check on every individual who has a thing to do with it.

Sweet Grass county holds an election on the primary law June 6. All citizens who want honest elections, who wish to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, who do not wish to have the great corporations run their elections should use every measure to defeat this wolf in sheep's clothing.

## WONT COUNT THE VOTES

Do you get all your votes counted? So far we have not been able to do so in Des Moines. We gave credentials to a full challenging committee of three to witness the count where we had no clerk or judge. In some cases only one was allowed to remain, the others not realizing their rights were bluffed out.

Others arriving late were not admitted. But even when this was not done, advantage was taken of the watcher's inexperience and they were tricked. As an example, a minority vote would be counted in favor of an old party candidate and tally made. Upon the watcher protesting, the man counting would say, "yes, yes, that's a mistake," but take notice the clerk did not

correct his tally sheet. Again our candidate in one precinct received 28 scratched votes from other tickets. Besides this there were 21 straight socialist tickets that were never put on the tally sheet to this man's credit.

Will some one suggest a way to get our votes counted?

The arrest and clubbing of socialist speakers on the streets of San Francisco by the "labor" mayor's policemen show what the working class can expect from a "labor" administration working under a capitalist program. Some of the socialists have denominated the date of the riot "the first day of the revolution."

## TROOPS IN THE COAL FIELDS SHOOT TO KILL

The troops in the Pennsylvania coal fields are shooting to kill. We might look with bitter resentment upon such a brutal use of power in a land where miserable miners themselves had no voice, in regard to the authorities or the use that could be made of the powers of government. But here in America where the opportunity to create conditions of

government is in the hands of the voters, their stupidity in persistently putting those into power who will order them shot like dogs, is colossal. American workingmen are imitators, and toady to their employers. When they become class-conscious, and have class pride and independence they will cease to vote the tickets and the program of the ruling class.

## SOLIDARITY OF LABOR

The capitalist class has been amazed at the immense showing of the solidarity of labor as the answer to its Idaho conspiracy against the working class. They have no means of understanding the wonderful amalgamation that has been going on in the ranks of the working class in the last few years. The capitalists have known there was a division among the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners. And they had no words to express their mystification when the United Mine Workers came forward with \$5000 for the defense fund. They have failed to grasp the idea that while the unions may have differences among themselves, they are altogether fighting the capitalist class. The growing power of the American socialist press

has been remarkably demonstrated by this crisis. Three publications have been able to send representatives to the scene and to spread the news of the diabolical conspiracy broadcast. These are the Toledo Socialist, Wilshire's Magazine and Appeal to Reason. These papers are preparing to give accurate reports of the trial. One paper at least the "Appeal to Reason," is preparing to issue a daily. This newspaper activity has had a wonderful influence upon public opinion, and has modified materially the law breaking of the law dispensers. If America ever gets to the point where it can call a general strike for protection of itself the capitalist class will realize that it is as helpless as San Francisco in the arms of the earthquake.

## UPTON SINCLAIR'S EXPOSE OF BEEF TRUST

Upton Sinclair's expose of the beef trust in the May Everybody's is creating more of a sensation than the original "Jungle." The sale of the products of the beef trust has fallen off 17 per cent since the exposure of the horrors of the adult

erations. The Amalgamated has declared for an eight-hour day—till after election. Be good, now boys, and vote just the way they want you to, and put in the governor, sheriffs, and judges the copper bosses want—then after election—the deluge.

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SANE (?) SOCIALISM.

The deliberate, persistent, and strenuous endeavors of the capitalist papers to misrepresent the cause of socialism would be pathetic were they not made ludicrous by their ignorance. The Helena Independent is particularly conspicuous by its abortive efforts in this direction. The Independent, it will be remembered, is the publication against which the ban of the unions of the state of Montana rests. So effectively has a steady opposition been carried on by the unions against it, that it has practically no circulation in the state outside of Helena, and a very small one here. It has lent itself willingly to the schemes of graft and grafters, has had a shameless rake-off on the public printing, stealing 25 per cent more than the stipulations called for, on a change of type, and has done everything in its power to do up the people of Helena by every means that an "inside track" could give. It is unalterably opposed to everything for the advancement or the lightening of the burdens of labor. It has tried to establish the open shop, and will not employ the union label. Every labor organization in the state in self defense should withdraw its support from the sheet, in the way of subscriptions, job work, advertising or whatever might serve for its support. The News has occasion now and then to print locals in the dailies pertaining to the work of the local socialist club, but it has been summarily warned not to put such locals in the Independent, and was very glad to comply. One of its latest spasms was an article headed "Is Socialism Sane?" Innocent of the knowledge that to ask such a question argued insanity on the part of the questioner, the lucid "explainer" of things of which he knows nothing, further stultifies himself by saying that one trouble about all socialist utterances is that they are so beautifully, so bafflingly vague." This is a new and startling departure from even the stereotyped objections to socialism which complain of socialist philosophy being too emphatic and decided in its utterances. Even Rabbi Klein accused us of being too positive. A socialist is positive exactly as a scientist or a mathematician is positive because he proceeds from data to scientific conclusions by the modern or dialectic method of reasoning. The "vagueness" is simply in the minds of the driveling idiots who lack the brain capacity to fathom a scientific proposition. Again, this ninny, who sets himself up to inform the public, says that "many of the sane doctrines of socialism were incorporated in the constitution." Isn't that about the limit of assinnity? The idea of a bourgeois constitutional convention, dominated by Alexander Hamilton, the representative of the New York bankers, putting any part of socialism, which demands as its primary condition the abolition of capitalist rule, into its constitution! Verily, whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. The erudite author

of economic poppycock sagely remarks that a single question of Mr. Bryan's contains the "conclusion of the whole matter." This is the stupendous question that the reactionary and stupid Mr. Bryan asks: "What outlet will there be for discontent if the government owns and operates all the means of production and distribution?" There you have it. Not the slightest conception that discontent is the result of our incapable economic organization—merely a maudlin appeal to such rot as "altruistic devotion." Again comes the most infantile and ancient of wails. Socialism would destroy individualism. Fortunately or unfortunately it can never do that in the case of the capitalist drab in the editorial chair of the Independent. His, like his other poor hireling brothers, was all destroyed long ago by the necessity of jumping when his master yelled. He wants to know what would become of the magnificent discontent that makes for enterprise. His has been squashed down long ago in the editorial chair of the Independent. And there are others. "No work and no need of work"—that is his encyclopedic conception of socialism. Any schoolboy would laugh at him. Workingmen of Helena and Montana, the Independent hates unionism, and it hates socialism. Blot it off the map. It insults you and your class. Cut out the Independent.

A SLANDEROUS SHEET.

A comrade sends us a copy of the "Meagher Republican." It is one of those lickspittle sheets that chirps "me to" to everything that a boss or rich man says. It goes into a disgusting harangue on Gorky, and the editor is too ignorant to know there is not the slightest foundation in fact for all his slobbering. Gorky was divorced and married again, as his first wife was, and as many of the friends of the pin-headed editor of the Republican have been. Certainly there is nothing in Montana to warrant hysterics over an episode that is so familiar in the personal experience of the editor as this.

It would be interesting to know what kind of an idea such an editor has in what he calls his brain, of the stuff his patrons are made of in a county like Meagher. It ought to be a dangerous thing where the workingmen are in the majority, to traduce Moyer and Haywood, and the workingmen are asked to crush the reptile that did it by absolutely boycotting his dirty sheet. Workingmen, this is a sample of what the republican party has for you. It slanders your adherents, and would murder your leaders. Will you blindly vote for your enemies longer?

EARTHQUAKE.

We have at least passed out of the benighted condition of the human intellect when earthquakes and other natural phenomena were looked upon as a visitation of God. But many of the expressions in the daily papers regarding the causes of these seismic disturbances are extremely interesting, not to say amusing to the student of established science.

Those who wish to know the latest discoveries of science on these matters should read Prof. Meyer's "End of the World." It can be gotten from the News office for 50 cents, or may be obtained free by getting ten subscribers to the Montana News.

CAN'T BUTT IN.

The Red Lodge Picket is having many and varied convulsions over the alleged coalition of republican Meyer and the socialists. The Picket thereby shows its abnormal ignorance of the whole socialist program. Meyer can have nothing to say whatever about socialist candidates or program because he is not a member of the party. He can vote the ticket if he so chooses, as can the editor of the Picket if he ever stops frothing long enough to study works of science and learn the difference between information and drivel. But the Picket has'nt got time. It is a living exemplification of the adage—An empty barrel makes the biggest noise.

A Communication to the Membership of the Socialist Party of all Lands, on Program.

By Henry Boothman. (Continued from last week.)

The Survival of Private Ownership

It is hardly to be contemplated that the national, state or municipal ownership will reduce every vestige of property to a collectivistic basis. The reasonable supposition is that there will remain in every neighborhood—in some more, to be sure, and in others less,—a certain residue of privately owned property.

The Legal Status of Surviving Private Property.

Whatever be the character or quantum of property remaining on a status of private ownership the following fact is to be noted in connection therewith: Your municipal government will have the constitutional power to purchase such residue on an apportionment of its improvements alone.

The Municipal Powers of Taxation

It follows from the foregoing that your local government will have the constitutional power to tax this surviving private property until its selling value falls to a level with the worth of its improvements.

The Workman's Tax

Now, a tax on property, of whatsoever magnitude, cannot reduce its selling price below the value of its improvements, provided the owner be permitted to retain so much of the rent as suffices to keep up or maintain the value of these same.

In other words, a tax on property, equal to the whole of its competitive rental, less only depreciation of improvements cannot reduce the selling worth of property below the worth of its improvements.

Since the amended national constitution thus empowers the absorption, by way of municipal taxation, of the whole of the rent of property, minus only depreciation of improvements, a working class or non-property owners' municipal administration will necessarily so absorb the same.

Effect of the Tax on the Price of Property

It is clear, from its very statement, given a tax of the foregoing character, that the value of surviving property can not fall below the worth of its improvements. In this lies the legality of the tax.

But neither on the other hand, can the value of property remain in any instance permanently and distinctly above such level.

The value of the improvements becomes henceforward the normal selling price of property.

Effect of the Tax on the Price of Land.

What the tax really does is to annihilate land value in the remainder of property.

It reduces the selling value of every foot of the planet having improvements upon it to the worth of the improvements.

And, consequently it reduces the selling value of every foot of the planet having no improvements upon it to nothing.

So the substantial outcome is that vacant, unused, or unimproved land, as also undeveloped natural resources, become free. Such property may be acquired for nothing or next to nothing. The tax is instrumental in causing the owner to sell for a nominal consideration.

On this free land improvements may be effected or money invested. And the investment is inviolate. That is to say, the property can never be so taxed that its selling price falls below the value actually put upon it. The owner can never be expropriated, or his property taken for social uses, without he first receives a full compensation for what he may invested.

Effect of the Tax on the Rate Of Interest.

To be sure, mathematical exactness in arriving at depreciation for the purpose of assessment, is not in the nature of things to be looked for. The practical application of the tax will necessarily leave the owners of property some inappreciable modicum of revenue over and above depreciation.

(To be continued.)

Los von Rom.

Aus der Brauer-Zeitung, Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 24. '06.

Der Geist der neuen Zeit, der gegenwärtig in der Arbeiterbewegung Europas so scharf zum Ausdruck kommt, scheint allmählich auch über den Ocean zu greifen. Ueberall regt sich der Oppositionsgeist gegenüber dem veralteten, verlotterten Gewerkschaftsleben, das in der American Federation of Labor zum Ausdruck kommt. Auch in unsern Verbänden werden die Stimmen immer lauter, die den Abfall von der allein seligmachenden A. F. of L. predigen. Der Glaube an die Unfehlbarkeit des heiligen Soms in Washington hat schon einen ganz bedenklichen Stoß erlitten. Die fortwährenden Niederlagen in der letzten Zeit bei Streiks der mit der A. F. of L. verbundenen Arbeiterorganisationen haben schließlich so Menschen zur Einsicht gebracht, daß der konservative Trades Unionismus eben nicht mehr für die gegenwärtigen Verhältnisse passe. Wohl erleben dieser größten und verlottertesten Arbeiterorganisation der Welt auch unter den fortschrittlichen Arbeitern ihre Vertheidiger, Leute, an deren ehrlichen Absichten nicht einmal zu zweifeln ist. Sie weisen auf den Unterschied hin in der ökonomischen Lage zwischen den Mitgliedern der A. F. of L. und den Unorganisierten, um damit den Verth der Organisation für die Arbeiter zu beweisen. Gewiß hat dieselbe viel geleistet für die Arbeiterschaft. Sie hätte aber, zumal in den letzten Jahren, noch viel mehr thun können, wenn sie nicht so an den Trades Unionismus angeklammert, sondern sich die Industrieverbände zur Grundlage genommen hätte. Sie wird in den kommenden Jahren je länger je weniger leisten können, je kurzfristiger sich ihre Führer und Mitglieder der besseren Einsicht verschließen, daß nur eine gänzliche Umgestaltung der Organisationsform auf der Basis der Industrieverbände der Situation der Neuzeit gewachsen ist. Es ist kaum zu glauben, daß Alles das, was in den letzten Jahren von gewissen Arbeiterführern an den von ihnen geführten gesündigt worden ist, in gutem Glauben geschah. Es hat vielmehr sehr oft den Anschein gehabt, als ob deren Handlungen „Aingenden Beweggründen“ entsprungen seien. Die längst veraltete Organisationsform der A. F. of L. verbunden mit der in derselben herrschenden Korruption, hat denn der amerikanischen Arbeiterschaft auch die unausbleibliche Verschönerung gebracht, ein Chaos von Jurisdiktionsstreitigkeiten und Bruderkämpfen, eine Zerfahrenheit in der Bewegung, die diese fast zwei Millionen Mitglieder zählende Organisation immer mehr zur Ohnmacht und Bedeutungslosigkeit verurtheilt. Wir Brauer Arbeiter speciell können ein Liedchen davon singen. Was wir in den letzten Jahren errungen haben, verdanken wir in erster Linie unserer eigenen Kraft. Wenn uns aber in unsern Kämpfen Jeinand Knüppel zwischen die Beine geworfen hatte, so war es die A. F. of L., die wir mit unserm Gelde unterstützten, der wir in unbegreiflicher Langmuth immer noch die Munition liefern, um uns zu bekämpfen. Die Herren vom Schlage Gompers und Konforten haben noch nie einen Finger gerührt, um unsern Verband auf- und ausbauen zu helfen, sie haben noch stets alles in ihrer Macht stehende gethan, um ihn niederzureißen und zu zerstören. Sie haben in der Jurisdiktionsfrage Entscheidungen gegen den Brauer Arbeiter Verband gefällt, die aller Vernunft Hohn sprechen und eine direkte Verletzung des Charakters bedeuten, der uns f. J. von der A. F. of L. verliehen wurde. Wenn wir uns zu dem noch vergegenwärtigen, daß wir in unsern Kämpfen stets nur auf uns selbst und auf die fortschrittliche Arbeiterschaft angewiesen waren, so müssen wir wirklich fragen, wo denn die Vortheile sind, die uns aus der Verbindung mit dieser rückständigen Organisation erwachsen. Und fragen müssen wir uns, was wir denn eigentlich dem Fortschritt für einen Dienst erweisen, wenn wir die Reaktion mit unserm Gelde unterstützen. Es ist unseres Verbandes unwürdig, hier noch länger die Rolle des Fabius Cunctator zu spielen. Daß wir noch länger einer Organisation angehören und unterstützen, die uns überall nur bekämpft, das ist ein Verbrechen an uns selbst. Die Gegner der Industrial Workers of the World sagen, diese neue Industriearbeiterorganisation sei nicht dem natürlichen Entwicklungsgange entsprungen, sondern ein künstlich erzeugtes Produkt in der gegenwärtigen

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Seated on a brazen throne,  
When 'tis thought the proper thing,  
To rate men by what they own,  
When the brute is more and more!  
And the spirit, less and less;  
When the world is lorded o'er  
By corruption and excess:  
It is time that men of worth  
Boldly step into the van,  
With this message to the earth:  
Down with Mammon, up with Man.

We have seen the idler feast,  
While the toiler lacked for bread,  
We have seen the king and priest  
Rob the living and the dead,  
We have seen the thief arrayed  
In the purple robes of state,  
While the honest man was made  
To beg succor at his gate.  
It has ever been the same,  
Since that reign of wealth began,  
Let us stop this sickening game,  
Down with Mammon, up with Man.

Earth is far to wise and old  
For a lordling or a slave;  
To respect a band of gold,  
On the forehead of a knave;  
Far the old for war and hate;  
Old enough for brotherhood;  
Wise enough to found a state,  
Where men seek each other's good,  
We have worked for self too long,  
Let us try a better plan;  
Let us labor for the throng,  
Down with Mammon, up with Man.

Many of the brightest, best,  
Of the earth were counted poor,  
Some possessed "not where to rest;"  
Others toiled and hardship bore,  
Homer, at the dawn of Greece,  
Sung and begged from day to day,  
Buddha, born with palace,  
Flung the banian all away,  
Wealth is by the devil prized,  
God has cursed it with a ban,  
Let us hear the pauper, Christ,  
Down with Mammon, up with Man.

O, my people, will you heed?  
Be no more like beasts of prey,  
Turn from selfishness and greed,  
Let us find a nobler way,  
From the worn-out lies of old,  
Let us make the whole world free,  
Down with kings and priests and gold,  
Up with God, Humanity,  
Let us gain breeds hate and crime,  
Let us crush it while we can,  
Let us bring the better time,  
Down with Mammon, up with Man.

- J. A. EDGERTON.

**IN THE FIELD.**

During Comrade Graham's recent visit in Butte he made arrangements with the local there for a vigorous prosecution of the propaganda work of the summer. A continual succession of speakers will be sent there at an interval of two weeks until after the fall election. By such vigorous agitation it is expected that the Butte vote will make a materially better showing.

Mrs. Hazlett spoke at Basin last Friday night under the auspices of the Miner's union. Her subject was, "The Tragedy of Labor," dealing chiefly with the Moyer-Haywood affair. The boys turned out well, although in this camp of Heinze, "the working man's friend" they are just as much afraid of being socialist sympathizers as in any slave pen of the Amalgamated. In fact many of the men here were driven out of Anaconda at the time of the socialist clean-up there, and they have learned fear and caution. This is the reason we are not able to have an organization in Basin. It seems as though we might find five courageous souls there who loved liberty more than safety.

Comrade King enters Madison county May 1, for a thorough and extended tour of that territory. He speaks at Norris on Demonstration Day, May 6.

Comrade Hazlett speaks at Garnet May 4 and 5. She speaks on Demonstration Day, May 6, at Missoula, on "The Tragedy of Labor," on the street May 7, Tuesday night, May 8, she holds a meeting at Ovanda.

Comrade Titus, national organizer, now at Spokane, speaks at Helena Saturday evening, May 5, gives the Demonstration Day speech at Havre, May 6, and speaks at Anaconda May 7. We hope to keep him in the state for further work, particularly in Butte, as he is a powerful speaker.

Ben Wilson will be in the state far an extended tour in a few weeks. Applications for work in Montana have been received from Lena Morrow Lewis, May Beals, Isaac Cowin, John Collins, and Teofilo Petriella.

All locals wishing special work should send word to the state secretary at once.

Louise Zietz is the organizer of the Hamburg socialist women. Her annual report shows that 1,700 women belong to the party in that city. They are especially active as helpers in the new trade union movement, and are assisting the Hamburg workers in resisting the attack on the suffrage.

**National News**

The Pennsylvania state convention takes place in Pittsburg in May.

The Ohio state convention meets at Columbus May, 26-27.

The Iowa state convention meets in Des Moines, July 4.

New Jersey state convention meets at West Hoboken, May, 30.

The National office reports \$83,300 for the defense fund.

The Missouri State convention takes place in Jefferson City, May 30.

Secretary Solomon of New York has received \$947.85 for the Defense Fund, and an additional \$860.95 for the Moyer-Haywood agitation fund.

Comrade A. H. Floaten, the Colorado refugee from the brutality of the Mine Owners Association, is the chief speaker at the monster protest meeting and May Day celebration held by the Milwaukee comrades.

On May 18, Newark, N. J. expects to witness the greatest meeting it has ever held. William H. Berry, state treasurer of Pennsylvania and George Kirkpatrick are to debate "Socialism vs. Capitalism."

The Moyer-Haywood case has been postponed till October by the supreme court. Thus the highest tribunal in the land has become a party to the infamous crime against law and constitution of the Idaho-Colorado kidnapers.

Fieldman has won out in Massachusetts. He was arrested for speaking on the street at Greenfield and fined five dollars. A comrade insisted on paying the fine, and he spoke two succeeding evenings on the street unmolested. Enormous crowds listened to him.

On the 19th of April, Comrade Tuck of Oakland telegraphed Secretary Barnes that five hundred comrades were destitute as a result of the earthquake, and asked for help. Members of the National Committee were immediately wired, and a hundred dollars was sent as a relief fund.

The Pittsburg demonstration against the Moyer-Haywood outrage was an affair of such magnitude as to amaze the public and the capitalist papers that had suppressed the news of the great meeting. Three thousand men and women marched through the principle streets singing the "Marseillaise" and other revolutionary songs, and scattering thousands of pieces of literature. The transparancies stated, "The Newspapers Suppress the Facts." Carnegie hall was packed to suffocation; \$134.00 was collected.

The New York Worker, which in all probability can be called the chief American socialist paper, is changing its location to No. 15, Spruce street, in New York. The Worker, the "Volkszeitung," "Vorwarts," the Socialist Literature company, and the Co-operative Press will occupy the four lower floors and the basement of the new home, while the upper floors will be sublet. A new press has been bought, and all accessories for changing the present clumsy make-up of the paper to a more attractive form. The total expense was \$10,000, and four-fifths of this has already been raised. The paper henceforth will be six-page, seven column instead of four-page, eight-column.

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**International**

The Socialist party has expelled M. Brainard, who accepted a place in the present French cabinet. As a result the organization from his district bolted.

April 26 the St. Petersburg police arrested the entire executive committees of the revolutionists and social democrats, and a number of prominent labor leaders who were holding a secret congress at the capital. The police had hoped to capture the entire congress, but a warning reached the delegates, and the majority of them escaped. Such rage is felt at the arrest by the revolutionists that they threaten a giant demonstration of the unemployed.

Comrade Basly, a socialist member of the French chamber, placed before that body the plain and unvarnished facts concerning the frightful mining disaster at Courrieres where over a thousand men were killed; showed the indifference of the company to human life, and demanded that the government act immediately. Jaures followed and showed that nothing less than the nationalization of the mines would be satisfactory.

The Worker states that international mass meetings in the steerage of the great ships are becoming the fashion. When the Red Star steamer Kroonland was passed by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, and received a message by wireless telegraph that Maxim Gorky was aboard the latter ship, the outburst of enthusiasm on the Kroonland was intense, especially among the hundreds of Russian refugees in the steerage. A socialist meeting was immediately arranged for the following day. One of the immigrants made a red flag out of his shirt which waved over the meeting.

The Russian government, under the leadership of Dornovo, Plevue's chief assistant, has returned to all the most hateful forms of oppression and torture practiced under the latter's rule. The Moscow Commune is declared to be the first important conflict between the government and the masses of the Russian people. The government losses were greater than those of the revolutionists. A small handful of badly armed men behind barricades held large portions of Moscow against an army equipped with machine guns and cannon, and reinforced by cavalry regiments.

Since the publication of the new draft of the Russian constitution the country seems to be on the verge of another political upheaval. M. Brianehoninoff, in the Slova, called it a mixture of lies and false logic, and says it can only tend to push the people to a fresh revolution. There is a great movement among the idle workmen at the capital, who number 42,000. They demand that large public construction works be commenced for which \$4,000,000 has been appropriated. They threaten to send a delegation of 87 representatives to the city convention to effect the fall of the municipality.

The proletariat of France is already causing the alarmists to say that the Russian revolution is to be repeated in the European republic. The May Day demonstrations are awaited with dread. The government is correspondingly active, and it is stated that 60,000 troops will be available May 1. Forty thousand miners are on strike in the north of France. In Paris thousands of book printers and employes of the jewelry and paper trades are on strike. The masons and many other branches of labor decided to quit from May 1 to May 15. Employes of grocery stores, dairymen, butchers, bakers, all purveyors of food supplies, as well as hotel servants are contemplating a similar cessation. The workers of the world are becoming class conscious.

**Women's Clubs**

**Divorce Decision.**

The recent decision of the supreme court is a glaring evidence of the frantic attempts capitalist government is making to establish conservatism by force. The result is reactionary and retrogressive, and makes for a deeper immorality in society even than that which capitalism so hypocritically covers up at the present time. Any marriage relation based on force is a perversion of the instincts and purposes of nature. It is legalized prostitution and is immoral and degrading. The state has no more business to hold persons in the marriage relation by force than it has to marry them by force in the first place. And any such forced marriage is legalized prostitution, and children born from such unholy and unnatural unions swell the ranks of criminals, imbeciles, and defectives. These are the fruits of capitalism, to degrade the home and take from it its most sacred environs of mutual will and affection. Advancing humanity in every country has tended to lessen the slave-like fetters in which the state has striven to bind the parties to a marriage; and for the supreme court of the United States to try and turn back the tide of reason and progressing civilization is to invite the speedy degeneration of society. As a matter of fact no couple should be held in marriage bonds when either does not wish it. Capitalist marriage is largely a matter of property and commercial interests to which home, children, decency, and health have largely been sacrificed.

This special decision was rendered in what is now the famous Haddock case, where a husband residing in Connecticut was granted a divorce from his wife residing in New York. An appeal was taken and the divorce nullified on the grounds that one state had no jurisdiction over a party in another, thus materially increasing the difficulties under which divorce action can be bought.

**A Unionized Home.**

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"But, my dear, I—"

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"Now, look here, Mrs. Bingley, I want—"

"And the next item, 45 cents, is an hour and a half overtime, when I kept your breakfast waiting Sunday morning while you snoozed away because you were out late Saturday night attending a primary."

"Oh, come now, dear, I—"

"And the next item, 75 cents, is the time I put in last Labor Day getting the children ready for the picnic while you pranced around on a horse and posed for the edification of the multitude."

"Isn't that—"

"And that next item \$2.50, is the overtime I put in after six o'clock darning the childrens clothes while you sprawled all over the sofa reading the evening papers."

"I'll not stand for—"

"And the next item \$3, is the overtime I put in after six o'clock washing the supper dishes and getting the potatoes and other things ready for breakfast next morning."

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The state organization seems to be starting out in good shape for the campaign next fall. The handling of next fall's campaign properly means the sizing up of the situation, electing county committees, seeing that work is done and literature distributed in outlying parts of the county, and keeping a careful watch for good material to run for the offices next fall. Socialism will not materialize without plan or substance or the highest thought of man. If we are to overcome capitalism we must do it by putting something superior in its place. We must be able to beat the other fellow's game. We must present as capable men for place as the movement permits. It is well to look about for good material outside county seats and chief towns. Where there are good locals a solid socialist vote will be polled independent of who is running on the ticket. But if men are placed on the ticket from outside points, they will work hard to carry their respective communities, and a great deal of valuable educational work will thus be done.

Apropos of the above we have the following letter from Havre: "We have arranged to hold debates every meeting, and we have the material if we can only get started rightly. We placed a special assessment of ten cents per month on each member to help out the News. I know this looks small but when you come to consider the men in Havre I think it is enough as we don't want to drive them out of the party by large assessments. If you can send us your advertising rates we may be able to get you a few ads. Also what will you charge us for the News in bundles of 25 per week? If the active members of the local secure employment this summer we are going to have one of the best in the state. We want to get a county central committee organized. We think the campaign committee will be able to give something to the printing press.

Comrade Rector of Monarch writes: "Things have been quiet here since the primary election. The Monarch vote was 1 for, and 15 against. The power of the socialist press has been demonstrated in this case. Without the News we

would have been powerless. There is a noticeable desire among the conservatives here to read up on socialism. "The Treason of the Senate" in the Cosmopolitan has caused some of the old time republicans and democrats to cave in, and of course we are always willing to show them the only remedy. Am using the "Jungle" with good results."

Comrade McDonald sends in a list of five from Fergus. Fergus county is climbing to the front furiously in determined and continuous work for a different order of things. Our strongest help for the Montana Socialist Party comes from Livingston, Fergus county, and Great Falls. Helena, that at one time had more subscriptions than Livingston and Great Falls together threatens soon to retreat to second place. Two hundred could be easily placed on our books from Helena. The paper is sufficiently in demand so that they could be easily obtained. But there is not a single soul in the town that can go after these.

The News has so many triumphs to record lately in connection with elections and primary laws that it can hardly keep pace with the work that is being accomplished here in Montana. If just a little effort produces such results, what will it be when we workers all get to pulling together?

Comrade Henry was in from Traverse Creek looking up his subscription. He was also looking up a speaker for the schoolhouse out there—a good thing to do this time of year.

Comrade Fabert of Stark has got busy again. He made the rounds, collected up the back dues of the members, got a sub for the News, and sent in \$4.25. He says more subs are coming after a little.

Herman Brown, the new secretary of Lewistown local sends in a letter that is full of excellent suggestions for locals. He says: Your letter regarding Ben Wilson received, and the local wishes me to say that it is good news to us that he will come here. If you are unable to make

satisfactory arrangements for him in the small places about here, we will take care of him a week, advertise in the county papers, and take him around ourselves. I might suggest that you send word to Dutch Barrows at Garnett. He will make something doing in those parts. Dutch is a deep student, an enthusiastic worker, and popular with the multitudes as well as the classes. (a quarter please from Dutch—Ed.)

We have introduced a new method of propaganda here, and the comrades asked me to write a line or two to the News about it as some new locals would benefit thereby. When we get an idea clearly presented to us in the course of a days thinking, we write it down, bring it into the local meeting, have it censored or reconstructed then mail it to some one who we know is troubled about that particular point. For instance at last night's local meeting Comrade McDonald presented a letter in which he had expressed his ideas as to the disposition of the saloon problem. He knew a man who, being a temperance man, refused the whole socialist proposition because he could not figure out, with his limited knowledge of the philosophy, how the aforesaid question was to be answered. Now this letter of Comrade McDonald, written at a moment when he had a particularly clear idea, and lucid manner of expressing it will in all probability explain the matter satisfactorily to the one in question. We call these "propaganda letters," and they are read over in local meeting thus giving a threefold benefit.

First, it is propaganda, direct, simple and effective; second, it promotes discussion and encourages original thought in reconstructing the argument if such is needed; thirdly, it is a great value to the author personally, because when one is able to express himself in writing, the idea is pretty sure to be planted not only to stay in his mind, but to grow and expand. We sign these letters "Lewistown Socialist Local," thus taking away any danger of any unpleasant outcome to the writer.

Another method not generally used, although an old idea and good, is to carefully read the publications which we receive, mark articles that we know will be effective, and mail them to persons who may be troubled about such questions with which the marked articles deal.

Now in answer to your suggestion that Lewistown local subscribe \$20 toward a better equipment for the news, please find enclosed check and draft for \$11. We guarantee the remainder of the twenty dollars, which will probably be forthcoming in a day or two or by next local meeting at the latest.

We are very glad indeed to do this little thing for the News, and even if we succeed in getting more than the twenty dollars we will still feel the debtors, for, comrades of the News staff, we appreciate your untiring industry in caring for our publication. We would be just as quick to reply substantially if the request was for personal aid because we think the brain equipment needs a source of existence even more than the motor needs the electricity. However we believe we are getting a bargain, a bon marche in this deal, for not only do we need aid in supplying the News with useful and permanent machinery, but we lighten the hard manual labor of Comrade Graham, and also illustrate the fundamental idea of socialism, that is, lighten the drudgery and increase the opportunity for useful effort. I will soon send in a list of subscriptions."

Comrade King sends in a list of five from Sweetgrass county.

Comrade Jones of Kendall sends in a list of five subs.

Comrade Wiegenda sends in for \$3 worth of stamps.

Local Norris has Comrade King May 1, and expects to have another rousing meeting May 6, Demonstration day.

**Murray King's Report**

Returned from Clyde Park last night where I made two speeches. I invaded the meeting of the Farmers, Protective Association the first night, and made a request to speak on the significance of farmers' protective associations and similar combinations of producers in face of the trusts. Considerable interest was manifested. The little crowd that gathered the following night was rather of the conservative type but gave good attention, and subjected the speaker to a cross fire of questions for some time after the speech. A great deal of work will have to be done here yet before we can even get a fair hearing. In the meeting of the first evening when I was about to conclude that the assemblage was too conservative to do anything with I was agreeably surprised to witness the spontaneous development of radical sentiment of a very gratifying nature. One man arose in his righteous wrath and condemned the weak methods of his brethren toward their betterment, calling their attention to the fact that there is a class struggle in modern society, and that the only salvation of the working class lies in their getting rid in some way of the capitalist non-producing class. "Abolish them; legislate them out of existence; get rid of them some way, and let's have our full product," he shouted. He claimed to be a Jeffersonian democrat.

Comrade Rydberg of Red Lodge writes: "Please find enclosed a check for \$4.50 for which send the paper to the enclosed addresses. In behalf of the local I make application for dates for Benj. F. Wilson, as we would like his services for at least two weeks in this place and throughout the county."

Comrade Teofilo Petriella, national organizer for the Italians, writes that the national office is arranging a new tour westward for him, and if he can be of any help in Montana he will make dates here. Secretary Graham has written that he is anxious for his services. He will be of great help at Aldridge, Livingston, and Electric, and any other points where there are many Italians working.

Comrade Knapp of Big Timber writes: "I wish to report the meetings of Comrade King. At Big Timber we had a small crowd, but on Sunday the 14th we were on the Boulder, and had a splendid meeting. The farmers from the country around were there and listened to Comrade King for two hours and a half with great enthusiasm. I cannot recommend Comrade King too highly. If Comrade Wilson is in reach of us we would like to have him for two or three days in the county. It is possible to make the old parties do some hard fighting before election is over."



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Livingston has now left Great Falls far in the rear so far as subscriptions are concerned. The Great Falls comrades will have to move out again. They know how to do it when they get started.

Comrades Peters of Red Lodge writes that the Italians have about forty votes there and that they could use Comrade Petriella, preferably on Sunday. He writes as follows of Comrade King.

"We considered him a very good man for the movement. He took well here, and I believe he is valuable. We notice Ben Wilson is coming into the state, and if he does we believe we can use him here for a couple of weeks, and try to get next to the farmers with him."

Comrade Comerford says: "Our district carried for free text books, although the big property holders fought hard. We elected two socialists out of three as trustees. They have made me clerk of the board. We are going to have a school library. We have \$150 for the purpose."

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