

## A Red Hot Controversy

### Great Falls Editor Slanders Socialists — Jesse D. Selby Swats Him Hard With Facts

Because the great souled Gorky is shocked by the brutal commercialism and selfishness of America and its carping spirit, the editor of the Great Falls Tribune of July 19 emptied his slime on the pages of his paper attacking Gorky's private life and the personalities of socialist "loud voiced street speakers", whose "fearfully and wonderfully-made statistics and juggled figures deceive few."

#### Selby Back at Him.

July 23 Comrade Selby as a member of Local Great Falls replied to this abuse, quoting Carroll D. Wright, John Adams, Robert Hunter and John Graham Brooks to prove that socialist statistics and figures are neither "made" nor juggled. The editor's reply is characteristic. He "juggles" Selby's statements to prove that Comrade Selby has fallen "into the socialistic habit" of exaggeration. He resorts to ridicule of the socialist assertion that the working class live in virtual slavery, denies Comrade Selby's figures point blank and ends with a whine against the comrade for requiring him to "spend his hard-earned money" to print the article, implying by such asseptions, either that the "Tribune" would have had a blank space where Selby's article appeared, in order to save expense, or that the "Tribune" feels no obligation to give an attacked opponent a chance.

#### An Array of Arguments.

Comrade Selby's reply which follows, is a stunning array of arguments calculated to jar the complacent editor out of some of his smug opinions. "We wish all the readers of "The Great Falls Tribune" who were designedly prejudiced by the editor, could hear this final word in the controversy.

"The Great Falls Tribune and Socialists: 'I am thankful to the "Tribune" for for going to the trouble and expense to print my communication which appeared July 23; but in consideration of aforesaid trouble and expense I think it would have been much more to the purpose if in its reply instead of occupying so much space with a lot of idle ridicule, it had got right down to business and

disproved the statements and statistics contained in my reply to the editorial of the 19th. Surely if these things are the product of a "diseased imagination," it must be a very simple matter to disprove them; yet we find that only in one instance were my figures dealt with (I refer to the average family income) at all, and then the "Tribune" fell helplessly into error. If my communication had been read intelligently it would have been discovered that I took these figures from the 18th Annual Labor report, which concerns itself only with the wage earning classes yet the "Tribune" bundles the families of all classes together, misconstruing my meaning. I should have mentioned wage earning class, but considering the nature of the report I did not deem it necessary.

#### Quoted Against Himself.

"The "Tribune" denies my statement that in its attack upon socialists on the 19th he charges us with deliberate misrepresentations of facts; I produce its very words: 'Then he (Gorky) proceeded to get in touch with a lot of socialists and anarchists in this country who gave him a great deal of information that isn't true, and loaded him with facts that exist mostly in their own diseased imagination.' The socialists whom Gorky met in this country, and who according to the "Tribune" gave him this false information are men—taking Gaylord Willshire and I. Phelps Stokes for examples—who are conversant with the working class conditions very intimately, and they must if the "Tribune's" charge be true, be guilty of deliberate misrepresentation of facts. The justice of my criticism of the "Tribune's" charge I will leave the reader to judge. Seeing, however, that the evils of which the socialists complain stalk about in the light of day, Gorky possessing a pair of eyes, did not need to obtain his information second hand, and I do not believe he did much of it.

"The "Tribune" criticizes my statement that condition cannot be painted black enough, but if we actually saw the hell holes of our great cities as depicted in Hunter's 'Poverty' and Riis' 'How the

other Half lives' I think we would realize that whatever may be our power over the English language it would inadequate to picture them.

#### Carlyle on Capitalism.

"The "Tribune" refers to Carlyle's account of conditions previous to the French revolution, the period of decay of feudalism in France; is the "Tribune" acquainted with the great philosopher's indictment of capitalism. In 'Past and Present' he says, 'our life is not a mutual helpfulness; but rather cloaked under due law-of-war, named 'fair competition', and so forth, it is mutual hostility.' Furthermore he says, 'Liberty, I am told is a divine thing. Liberty when it becomes a 'the Liberty to die by starvation' is not so divine,' again, 'And yet I venture to believe that in no time since the beginning of society, was the lot of those same dumb millions of toilers so entirely unbearable as it is even in the days now passing over us. It is not to die, or even to die of hunger, that makes a man wretched; many men have died; all men must die,—the last exit of us all is in a fire—chariot of pain. But it is to live miserable we know not why; to work sore and yet gain nothing; to be heart-worn, weary, yet isolated, unrelaxed, girt in with a universal laissez-faire; it is to die slowly all our life long, imprisoned in a deep dead infinite in-

justice, as in the accursed iron belly of a Phalaris Bull!'

"To work sore and yet gain nothing", Robert Hunter tells us is the lot of millions of workers in America today; the so called land of the free and independent. Emerson says, in effect our whole system of trade is built on selfishness and that honesty is impossible in society.

"This is what two of the great minds of the nineteenth century thought of capitalism the system which according to the "Tribune" contains the essentials to human development for all time. Were their minds diseased? They must have been if the "Tribune" theory is right. All earnest students of present day social condition agree that the above utterances are more applicable to present day than to the time in which they were written.

#### Probably Nearsighted.

"By the way why did the "Tribune" pass over the sweeping statements of Hunter quoted in silence? Were they not worthy of notice? Or did it deem them unanswerable? I think the latter is the case for none of the facts related by Hunter have ever been disputed. I think the eagle eyes of socialists are often times too penetrating for the capitalist class; were it not for this and the strenuous efforts of the socialist press,

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## JAPAN ADOPTS STATE SOCIALISM

Press dispatches bring news from Japan of such startling importance that we cannot refrain from giving them below. The government ownership of all the industries of Japan will constitute the biggest innovation the world has seen for centuries and while it will not be socialism, it will be a step toward it; it shall be the abolition of the private capitalist class and require only a further change, a change to a perfect democratic government to make of Japan a full-fledged socialist republic. How the world do move!

Washington, July 18.—According to advices received by the bureau of manufactures, the Japanese government has undertaken one of the greatest experiments in the world's history which indicates a clear purpose to protect, supervise, develop and nationalize all Japanese

industries. It is stated that the provision for the nationalization of railways was but a single step in the great plan of industrial nationalization toward which the country is fast approaching. The movement for Manchurian nationalization has received careful attention and it is now proposed that a company shall be formed by the government and private capitalists jointly for the purpose of operating the railroads, forests and mines in Manchuria. If successful along lines Japan is now working it is stated that the individuals and corporations of America that are striving for the trade of the Orient will discover that they are not competing for this trade against individuals and corporations of Japanese, but that they are in commercial conflict with the Japanese nation itself.—Press Dispatch.

ally themselves with "liberty loving", organization, against the union men, but the farmers are rapidly learning that they have nothing in common with those highbinders of American society. The man who toils on the farm is just as dependent today as the wage workers, and when the sugar factory starts and the farmer learns that he can't raise 20 or 30 tons per acre, and they dock him on the tests, and that he is fortunate if he comes out even, he will then learn that they are his friends for revenue only.

#### Driving Unions to Politics.

The unions are holding their own and are putting up a winning fight, but they are learning the lesson taught by the citizens' alliance every where—the necessity of going into politics for success. With the public officials upholding the violation of the eight-hour law and other laws, always ready to support the capitalist class, the working men see that the first thing to be done is to secure control of the political power of the country through a working class party.

#### Huge Land Thefts.

The criminal acts of those self appointed saviors of society are not limited to the violation of the labor laws of Montana, but extend to the land laws

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## HEARST DECLARES FOR CAPITALISM

Those members of the working class who are prospective victims of the Hearst movement now in course of preparation will do well to ponder over the latest statement over the name of William Randolph Hearst making him a defender of the capitalist class. The dream that Hearst is a socialist or a genuine champion of the working class has gone glimmering. The following reply, to which he has attached his signature is in answer to the resignation from the Independent League of J. G. Phelps Stokes, the wealthy settlement worker and recent candidate in the Hearst municipal party for a high office, who announced his intention of joining the socialist party:

"You express your belief that existing evils will be remedied by socialism. The Independence league believes that

they can and will be remedied by Americanism. The Independence league is conservative. It is opposed to socialism and is committed only to the public ownership of public utilities for the public good. The Independence league is not opposed to capitalists, large or small, it believes that this country should offer the greatest financial rewards of any country in the world to those who through industry, enterprise and ability confer benefits upon the public, but that there should be no reward for robbery, no opportunity for the rich and unscrupulous to grow rich through extortion."

The letter is signed by William Randolph Hearst, Samuel Seabury, Clarence J. Shearn, Thomas Giltear, M.G. Hollister, John Ford, John Palmierie, C. A. Haviland, J. G. Follansbee and M. F. Ihmsen, executive committee.

## Alliance Lies Nailed

### Billings Fighting Unions Issue Circulars to Offset Vicious Literature of Citizens' Alliance

The Billings Citizens' Alliance is driven to the desperate recourse of issuing falsified statements. Last Sunday in a statement through its organ, "The Gazette", the Alliance intimated that the trouble was settled. In reply the Trades and Labor Assembly has issued two circulars, one of which we give in full below.

#### Statement of Unions.

"The Citizens' Alliance in its notice to the public, published in the Gazette of Sunday, July 21, would lead the people of Billings and vicinity to believe that the trouble between that organization and organized labor was settled. They have taken it for granted that because they have succeeded in importing about 30 non-union jackknife carpenters into our city, that we are ready to lay down and go to work on the open shop policy. On the contrary we never were in a better condition to withstand the onslaught of the Citizens' Alliance and their hirelings than we are today. We wish to say to the public that we are trying, by honest endeavors, to build up the workman's condition, morally, socially and financially, and make it possible for him to provide the necessities of life for himself and dependent ones. That we will succeed, is beyond question of a doubt. We did not go into this fight for our rights to lose, and are prepared to stay until the so-called Alliance agrees to our moderate demands. We have today 80 per cent of the total labor population in our ranks; what is more, they are all working. When the non-union workingmen realize that the Alliance is using them to down the wage earners, they will not permit themselves to be used as tools to cut their own throats. At this date the non-union men are leaving town, because the wages offered by the so-called principal contractors, are not what they advertise. They can not afford to put in the best of the year in a town where it costs almost all they earn to live. This trouble will be settled when the Yellowstone Trades and Labor Assembly get their just demands, and not before."

In the other circular the following significant facts are set forth:

#### Significant Facts.

"Billings is not an open town. The term "open town" is utterly meaningless as the Citizens' Alliance would apply it. They claim they want no distinction between union and non-union help, and then go to work and make conditions radically opposed to the conditions of unionism. An open shop would mean no discrimination in regard to the men employed, but a discrimination has already been made when the conditions debar the union man from accepting a job and still living up to the principles of the organization.

#### A Manly Boast.

"Mr. Kilbey, manager of the company building the sugar factory, is making the manly boast that he is working his men ten hours per day because it is in violation of the principles of organized labor. The Citizens' Alliance men are even going to the anarchistic extremity of declaring the eight hour law unconstitutional rather than make conditions conformable to the principles of organized labor.

#### Resort to Boycott.

"While they claim to condemn the boycott they have themselves resorted to the boycott in order to drive a newspaper out of business whose only sin was a declaration in favor of organized labor. Here is an excerpt from this constitution and by-laws: 'No person shall be entitled to membership in the Alliance who is a member of a labor organization which either issues a boycott or endorses a boycott, or is himself engaged in any boycott, or who shall encourage, aid or assist in any boycott or similar movement.'

#### To Scatter Labor Vote.

"In the near future some of the same men will go upon the stump and fairly howl out their sincere regard for the laboring men. Labor unions will be advised as they have been advised in the past to keep out of politics. 'Scatter the labor vote' is their motto, 'and the field is ours.' Ye gods, and so the laboring man must refrain from the strike and the boycott, and under no circumstances enter the sanctity of the polit-

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## Shows Up Alliance

### T. E. Latimer Furnishes Some Inside Facts of Organization's Operations in Billings

Everywhere capitalism and its upholders work under the mask of "Law and Order" and respectability, and the alliance of Billings is no exception. In the midst of their onslaught on organized labor they have been sending their yelps about liberty and freedom broadcast throughout the country. In their attempt to break the back bone of the working class, they demanded that union men join hands with them in violating the state eight-hour law, failing in this they shipped in those were law breakers like themselves to thus show their contempt for the laws of the land.

#### Extravagant Claims.

At first they attempted to lay the blame for all labor troubles on the union, but being forestalled in that, they admitted that they were fighting for the open shop in the interest of "liberty," and now they say everything is settled with union conditions entirely destroyed, the closed shop—closed to union men—the ten hour day and starvation wages.

#### A Surprise in Store.

Although this is the ideal alliance they have not secured it yet, as the men are standing firm and are lining up for the battle of ballots this coming November and when the votes are counted the citi-

zens' alliance will wonder what hit them, for the political triumph of the working class through the socialist party is the one topic of conversation in Billings.

However, there is another phase to this fight, as a part of the citizens' alliance are using the rest as a catspaw to pull their chestnuts out of the fire.

#### Another Blow.

The franchise of the Billings Water company expires April 5th 1907, and the sentiment is strong for a gravity system owned by the city.

This would cut out the graft of those "respectable and law abiding" citizens who are at present selling the people water at so much "per."

#### High-handed Methods.

They are forcing into their organization every man that is under any obligation to them through borrowed money, mortgage, or otherwise, and incidentally while trying to break the back of organized labor, they hope to deaden the town, force some to leave, close the mouths of others and secure a new franchise which will permit them to hold up the people of Billings for another term of years.

#### Smallpox and Boycott.

The citizens' alliance is everywhere alike, they will stop at nothing to gain

## Clarion Call To Battle

### Local Quorum Issues Manifesto to Socialists of Montana on Eve of Great Campaign

Comrades, we're in a fight. We're in the biggest kind of a fight—the biggest that ever took place on American soil. We're in a fight that means much, not only to us here in Montana and the west, but to the United States and the whole socialist movement. We're in a fight that has got to go to a finish with a decision. We are in a fight in which we have the advantage if we are wise enough to take it. We have driven the mine owners back in their cave and that old watch dog, Titus, is guarding the entrance. There are others on guard also in other places and we must keep them on guard. Moyer, Hayward and Pettibone are still unhung. Just as these industrial pirates were adjusting the noose to the neck of Organized Labor they received a swat from the socialist press that knocked the wind out of them and caused them to pause in their wild revel of anarchy. They didn't know we had that weapon. It has never been concealed, but the capitalists have been too busy clipping coupons to notice its growth. At last they have awakened to the realization of the fact that there is in this country a medium for the transmission of intelligence which is beyond their control.

Now they are waiting—waiting to see if we will use our political arm on election day. Yes, we will use it, but how effectively we will use it depends on how much we can extend the influence of our press. Our speakers all report greatly increased interest everywhere. We must have our press to supplement our speakers. It takes work, comrades—it takes money. We must keep eternally hammering. The comrades all over the state are giving liberally, but more money is needed to keep up our pace and we must get it from socialists and sympathizers who have not yet joined the party. There are hundreds who will give us their support who have never been appealed to. The best way to get these to contribute is to use the campaign coupon books. Get these from the state secretary and go after them. You will find that some of the most willing to contribute are those who, because of their independent spirit and outspoken opinions can not stay in one place long enough to join a local or even get acquainted.

Colorado, Idaho and Montana are now to the front in this battle for industrial emancipation. The eyes of the world are upon us. Close up the ranks. Every man to his post and prepare for the final charge on November 6. On with the fight.

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## OUR GREAT CAMPAIGN.

When we planned the present campaign, we planned it with the purpose of accomplishing as much as possible without making the burden too heavy for the organization. To accomplish this, we launched the open-air-meeting-collection plan, in order to get as much support as possible from that large contingent of sympathizers who vote the ticket but never feel the necessity of coming in and sharing the brunt of the real battle. This is the only way we figured we could get help from this source.

In this way we hoped to use the money forthcoming from the members of the party to further enlarge the campaign and make up deficits.

We have accomplished just enough now to know what can be accomplished. Billings, where the most work has been done, furnishes the index. Several months ago this town appeared to be a hopeless center of conservatism. Collins pounded on it for a week, Latimer hammered on it for twelve nights and Wilson and Latimer battered it together for four nights. The organization has grown from a little handful to one of the largest in the state; the organized labor movement is displaying a sympathy and co-operation with the socialists that is significant, and the general sentiment in labor circles has undergone a wonderful transformation, and this is only the beginning of the campaign.

Big Timber, Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, Havre and Anaconda will have to come out of their hard shells under a like hammering, and we believe as much can be accomplished in these centers with the same amount of work as has been accomplished in Billings, Lewistown, Kendall and other points which show such remarkable change of sentiment.

One thing, however, is necessary. We cannot hope to conduct the campaign solely on the money collected on the streets. Let the socialists do their part as well as the sympathizers. A regular inflow of funds for campaign purposes is absolutely essential from every local in the state. Speakers are making unorganized points and long distances by rail and they must be sustained by the organization.

Let the locals take up the matter of the assessment of \$1 to pay the expense of the convention, and also let them take up the matter of the one-day-wage fund, proposed by the national office, and push it in such a way that every socialist and sympathizer in the state will be glad to contribute a day's wage in this great battle for labor.

Do these things immediately and then watch what happens.

## THE APPEAL'S UTOPIANISM.

The Appeal to Reason is a great propaganda paper. It is doing a mighty work for socialism. All true socialists have a genuine affection for this valiant little sheet, but the temptation is always great to criticize it severely on one point.

A man with a cut and dried plan of future society is apt to get himself continually into a jack pot "explaining". The Appeal has been "explaining" to us for ten years how the government would run barber shops and photograph galleries and just how conductors and section men would get equal pay.

One of the latest "explanations" of the Appeal is calculated to make one laugh. A reader asks "Who will get the choicest cuts of beef under socialism?" The Appeal says:

"Whoever has rendered value to society (which can be done only by working for society) will be entitled to an equal value either in beef or in any other commodity. Now, as to the choice cuts; of course each consumer would exchange his labor certificates only for that part

of the beef he desires. If the demand for the several parts of the animal were such that all would be sold, every cut would be a choice one, because each purchaser would get his choice; but if, for instance, no one would take any part of the front quarters, that part of the animal would have to be utilized in some way other than for food.

"But in producing a beef we cannot well get the desirable portions without having a pair of front quarters for each animal. If these front quarters are entirely useless, the cost of their production necessarily becomes a part of the cost of the remainder. You will understand that the same care and feed that produces the finest tenderloin steak at the same time produces the comparatively worthless hoof and horns. The front quarters would, under such a condition as that supposed, be of the same nature as these other parts that are useless as food."

We would like to know just what effect this answer had on the questioner. We are quite sure it did not influence him very far toward socialism.

The Appeal is certainly in a tight place when it has to stuff its "front quarters" to get out.

## AN EDITOR BUMPKIN.

Our democratic and republican county editors get their economics where they get their backing and their advertising; it is evident their knowledge does not come from an exercise of brain power. That anyone capable of writing an editorial could display such hopeless ignorance as the scribbler for "The Stevensville Register" displays in reporting Mrs. Hazlett's speech seems incredible. He says "she spoke against the invention and employment of machinery, her arguments in regard to the latter being alike with those used many years ago by those ignorant persons who cried out against the spinning jenny, the cotton gin, and, later, the mower and other implements—that they did the work of hands and so deprived laboring men of employment."

This is exactly the opposite of Mrs. Hazlett's and every socialist's position. A man who cannot understand an argument any better than that ought to go back to the kindergarten and begin again.

The socialist position is that invention is the great factor that is bringing socialism—it is preparing labor-saving and wealth-making devices of such magnitude that we will be compelled to publicly own them, and when we do, we will enjoy an era of universal wealth, culture and happiness. The socialist speakers, such as Mrs. Hazlett, argue that private monopoly of machinery works in such a way that every new invention has a tendency to throw men out of employment because these inventions are used for the few instead of for all. Every invention under socialism or public ownership would increase wealth, leisure and comfort for all. One would think an editor should understand this, and he could if he were not a booby.

His statement that Mrs. Hazlett attacked the memory of Washington and Jefferson must be on a par with his other statements. Socialists regard Washington and Jefferson as fore-runners of socialism, in that they brought us political liberty, the first step toward industrial liberty.

## TO SEIZE MEXICO.

Jas. A. Stewart has delivered to the Western Federation of Miners a confession to the effect that on January 21 he was employed by the Pinkerton detective agency to go to La Cananea, Mexico, and foment a strike among the Mexican workmen, to come off September 16. He secured the co-operation of Mexicans, who, on account of the fact that Mexican workmen received only half the wages American workmen received for the same class of work, were so completely successful that on May 30 the great riot occurred which resulted in the killing of 18 Americans and 142 Mexicans. Stewart was discharged by the detective agency and because the Western Federation of Miners were charged with having incited the riots, confessed.

This confirms the accusation made by the mining company at La Cananea that the trouble was stirred up by Wall street financiers.

Later events point to a far-reaching conspiracy which seems to contemplate nothing less than the seizure by the United States government of northern Mexico.

Stories of the most sensational character are circulated concerning an expected anti-American uprising and are being deliberately used as an excuse for sending troops across the border. How well these plans are succeeding may be judged from the fact that it was decided this week to send a colored regiment to the line.

If the capitalist vultures of the United States want northern Mexico to loot, it is safe to say they will soon find a sufficient excuse to take it.

## BUTTE EVENING NEWS CONFESSES

When Sinclair's "The Jungle" came out it was the innocent occasion of as copious a flow of editorial venom from the columns of "The Butte Evening News," as was vomited forth then by any capitalist sheet in the land. The

froth that flowed forth, and we remember it well, would have led one to suspect the editor a victim of hydrophobia. "Sewage," "garbage," "filth" and like expressions adorned the page.

We now quote what the same paper says after "The Jungle" has done its work and has reached the pinnacle of success:

"During the time intervening between the publication of 'The Jungle' and the Neill and Reynolds reports, Mr. Sinclair was the object of vicious attacks from sources friendly to the beef trust. His book was excluded from the Chicago public library, which action is said to have been to Sinclair, 'The unkindest cut of all.'"

There we have it from his own lips. "The News" is friendly to the Beef trust for "Mr. Sinclair was the object of vicious attacks from 'The Butte Evening News' during the time intervening between the publication of 'The Jungle' and the Neill and Reynolds reports."

## A REQUIEM FOR THE DEAD.

Tom Watson, the sole living thing left of the populist wreck of 1896 managed to struggle along in a semi-comatose condition until July 28, last week, when populism gave its dying kick. Here is the press dispatch that tells of the sorrowful event:

"Augusta, Ga., July 28.—In a speech at Thompson, Ga., his home, Thos. E. Watson, populist leader and candidate for president in the last election, advised the populists of Georgia to vote the democratic state ticket on August 22, and not to put up a ticket of their own. He says he has information that if Hoke Smith, formerly of Cleveland's cabinet, shall be nominated for governor by the primary election, he will be counted out in the convention."

That Tom Watson, who has been trying for years to galvanize the populist corpse into life through his scab printed periodical should urge affiliation with the democrats is significant. Now that one more reform humbug has been killed let us go on with the revolution.

## M'FAUL TAKES A FALL.

The tides of ecclesiastical opposition against socialism are rising in strength and virulence with each international advance of labor. One such defender of the established class has recently poured forth his mendacious venom.

In Buffalo, June 28, at the fifth annual convention of American Federation of Catholic societies Bishop McFaul spoke against the evils of socialism and divorce. "The stability of this nation rests upon the American home," he said. "Socialism would stretch out her foul hands upon the property of our people. Look at Maxim Gorky, the Russian socialist, coming to America to ask us to turn upon Russia. See him living with a woman who cannot be recognized as his wife. That villain and scoundrel and polluter of womanhood would preach us the gospel of human liberty."

Slander is base enough but when it is combined with untruth, it reveals the vilest of qualities and the weakest of causes for those who can find no other weapon.

## SLAVERY IN AMERICA.

The following story of capitalist greed and inhumanity comes over the wires this week from Pensacola, Florida:

"A party of Germans reached here today from the camps stating that they had escaped. They went to the German consul and told him a tale of ill treatment and cruelty that has hardly a parallel in the south."

"They say they were brought south in February under representations that they would receive \$3 to \$5 per day, but only \$1 was received from the company for the labor. They allege that they were compelled to eat after the Americans and if nothing was left they got nothing."

"None of them was allowed to leave camp, and when they attempted to leave they were caught and severely beaten. When in the woods the bosses go armed, and if the men do not work to suit them they were stripped and while two of the bosses hold a man across a log a third plies a strap or any instrument of torture handy."

## NEARING THE GOAL.

The German Socialist paper, "Vorwarts," prints the following extracts from a letter received from St. Petersburg:

"I hear from high authority—i. e., from a person who has himself seen the documents—that the Kaiser has written a letter to the Tsar in order to inform him that if the Duma approve a law authorizing the forced expropriation of lands, Russian stocks will be excluded from the Bourse at Berlin."

"I hear from the same source that the Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovitch, who went to Berlin a short time ago, has gone on a mission to assure the Russian bureaucrats of the help of Germany in any efforts they may make effectively to suppress the Russian Revolution."

We are closer to an international revolution than we think. Any interference

of the Kaiser in the Russian revolution could do nothing less than precipitate a revolution of the working class that would at least take in all of continental Europe. We are nearer the goal than we think.

## ORCHARD NOT IN PRISON.

"The Socialist," of Caldwell, Idaho, is authority for the statement that the prison authorities have admitted to several visitors at the penitentiary that Orchard, the star witness and confessor against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, is no longer in prison. Two workmen of Caldwell are the last witnesses to the fact that they have the words of certain guards that this is true. If this is true, it constitutes an act in thorough keeping with the utter contempt for law and legal procedure that has characterized the hirelings of the Mine Owners' Association from the start. No one need be surprised if they claim absolute proprietorship over our prisons and prisoners as they do over our legislators, governors and courts. They are it.

New York City is a typical capitalist slaughter pen, infants being the principal objects of wholesale killing and impure milk being the principal means of murder. The city has half the population of the state and 76.2 per cent of children under five years of age that die in the state die there. The average annual death rate is 19.2 per cent per thousand. Another cause given for the frightful mortality is that American mothers refuse to nurse their babies. The man who does not hesitate to poison the babe for a little more profit and the woman who refuses to feed it the natural way are twin monsters of a monstrous civilization.

While the "Missoulian" editor is howling for the deportation of the socialists the interests he represents are bringing them into the country at the rate of several hundred thousand at least a year. Out of the 1,620,054 immigrants landing at Ellis Island last year it is safe to say fully 50 per cent are socialists. The capitalists not only make socialists by the hundreds of thousands out of the native stock but are busy importing the foreign kind, and yet they are kicking at their own work.

When the trades council of Hamilton, Canada, recently complained against cotton mill manufacturers for imposing arbitrary fines and withholding pay, the premier decided that the factories could make their own rules and that labor had no right to interfere. From this it would appear that Canadian capitalists are enjoying the same "glorious liberty" that United States capitalists have established on this side of the line.

The bureau of labor has just sent out Bulletin 53, which says that the average yearly income for working men of families of five persons for the whole United States is \$8.27; the average expenditures, \$7.68; the average annual saving, \$0.59; the average annual saving, \$59. How much education, culture, real life is there for a family of five under trust prices living on \$2 a day and pay rent, water, fuel, light and tax bills?

Mayor Johnson's latest escapade is another illustration that in America you have to break the law to serve the people. When he was enjoined by the street railway corporation from removing their tracks to make room for the municipal railway, he led a crowd of men on the street and tore up the companies tracks. Even reformers are establishing a precedent for the revolutionists.

The death rate from accidents at coal mines in the principal coal producing countries in 1904 were: Australia, .92; Belgium, .93; France, 1.07; Great Britain, 1.24; Germany, 1.90; and United States, 3.35 per 1,000 persons employed. America is the paradise of capitalism, or at least American workmen soon graduate into paradise.

The same Roosevelt who addresses juvenile audiences on the military "virtues" does the rough rider act for the detection of Texan audiences, sheds copious quantities of wild animal blood annually, invented the policeman's bradded club, poses as a "hero, is to be awarded the Nobel prize this year as the world's greatest pacificator.

In 1901 the gross earnings of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific were \$63,000,000; in 1906 it was \$114,000,000 or nearly double. At the same time wages remained about the same in Montana and the cost of living increased more than ten per cent. This is what is known as republican prosperity.

The democrats are planning to corral the labor vote by nominating John Mitchell for the vice-presidency: the vice-president can do no harm and Mitchell is well enough posted to answer all the Gomper's questions favorably.

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a victory over the people of Montana and gobbled the Madison river for future use, by having the Madison river irrigation projects declared "too expensive" by government experts.

Russel Sage's life and death, which latter occurred this week, is the best refutation of his much lauded capitalist maxim, "after you have made your fortune, it is time to spend it." He was a miser up to his last act and left \$100,000,000 all to his wife.

The Russian revolutionists are displaying the spirit that conquers. They looted two heavily guarded trains capturing \$80,000 and entered a printing establishment in St. Petersburg armed with revolvers and within a hundred feet of armed soldiers and the coming and going of citizens printed 15,000 copies of the Viborg manifesto and escaped with them.

John D. Rockefeller, for whom there is a warrant, blandly announces upon his return from Europe that he has known nothing about the Standard Oil affairs for twelve years. The neat sum of \$400,000,000 for knowing nothing and doing nothing for twelve years is an ideal capitalist snap.

Senator Clark has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election—he has discovered how much it costs to buy a Montana legislature.

The people's senator has resumed his old seat in the rear of the Montana Bank to look after the vested rights—great is Tom.

The bachelors and old maids of Iowa who had a joint but not a joining convention in Des Moines during the week

endorsed President Roosevelt's declaration against race suicide; there need be no future cause for alarm.

The Beef trust announces that it will make its canning department a model of cleanliness; the report must be a cannard.

Military and naval matters filled about a third of our capitalist papers this week; they are getting us "educated" for the next move.

Court investigation has disclosed the fact that Dowie's graft is not a church but a trust; it often requires court investigation to distinguish.

"The Independent" effects to see something praiseworthy and fortunate in the cheap and coarse entrance of the millionaires to popularity by means of "gifts;" some papers are misnamed.

Imitating the example of New Zealand, Canada has taken possession of 100 square miles of cobalt mining territory where mining will be done for the benefit of the whole nation.

Outlaw Rockefeller has received a welcome from the church; busted Dowie is an outcast looking around for his last divinity.

A press dispatch says that the Czar has decided not to go abroad this year; sometimes people change their minds.

You are not a socialist unless you believe in the total abolition of the capitalist class.

Earthquakes have no effect on socialism. Local San Francisco paid in \$21 last week for dues.

**IN THE FIELD.**

**Lena Morrow Lewis' Dates.**

Stockett, August 2, 3; Great Falls August 4, 5; Fort Benton, August 6, 7; Havre, August 8, 9.

**T. E. Latimer's Dates.**

Belgrade, unorganized, Aug. 1, 2; Norris, Aug. 3; Pony, (unorganized) Aug. 4, 5; Madison county, Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

**Ben Wilson's Dates.**

Aldridge, Aug. 2; Livingston, Aug. 3, 4; Chestnut, Aug. 5; Bozeman, Aug. 6; Belgrade unorganized, Aug. 7; Helena, Aug. 8; Clancy, Aug. 9; Butte, Aug. 10.

**Mrs. Hazlett's Dates.**

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 2; Spokane, Wash., Aug. 3, 4; Rathdrum, Idaho, Aug. 6; Trout Creek, unorganized Aug. 7, 8.

**Thomas T. Kelly's Dates.**

Socialist candidate for Governor of Idaho Butte, Aug. 8; Missoula, Aug. 9.

**Thomas McGrady's Dates.**

Great Falls, Aug. 12; Missoula, Aug. 13.

Contributions to the one-day pay received to date: J. H. O'Neil, member at large, \$5.00; B. A. C. Stone, Local Garnet, \$2.00; A. T. Lessey, \$2.00; John Thomson, \$2.00. Total to date \$11.00.

JAS. D. GRAHAM,

**A RED HOT CONTROVERSY**

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Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone would most probably ere this have had the hangman's rope, victims to capitalist tyranny. The recent triumph of justice in France over the Dreyfus case is partly due to the socialists, and it required the penetrating eye of a Sinclair to disclose the horrible conditions in Packingtown. The socialist possesses no motive to suppress the truth, on the contrary, he lives only for the truth.

"The Tribune" does not accept my statement that the property classes fulfill no useful function; its ignorance of existing conditions must be astonishing, if it does not know that the vast majority of the class that own the instruments of production and distribution have nothing whatever to do with their operation, their only function being that of receiving the profits derived therefrom; and as to the middle class or small business men, "mere go between", standing between the manufacturer or producer and the consumer; they are rapidly going out of business and what few individuals remain are but agents for the most part of the trusts.

"The Tribune" does not believe the statement attributed to John Adams. To prove that the statement is correct, here are his own words, "That as to this matter, it was of no consequence by what name you called your people, whether by that of free men or of slaves. That in some countries the laboring poor men were called free men, but the difference was imaginary only. What matters it whether a landlord employ ten laborers on his farm, gives them annually as much as will buy the necessities of life, or gives them the necessities at short hand?" From the "Lost Principles of Sectional Equilibrium" "Barbarosa" 1860 page 29. Does the "Tribune" doubt my statement now; it characterizes this as being very silly, on the contrary it was a most natural thing to say, it is but a statement of a well known fact; and to further confirm this, here is another quotation from one James Ellsworth, a member of the convention which met in Philadelphia, 1787, to formulate the constitution, he said "As population grows poor laborers will become so plenty as to make slaves useless."

"So you see John Adam's words were not at all silly, but very reasonable. The civil war was undertaken to free the slave, but in order that the capitalist class of the north should have control of the national government so that they could legislate to suit their own interests.

**SHOWS UP ALLIANCE.**

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of the United States, much could be said about fugitives from Wyoming justice and other crimes, but I will simply mention the fact that thousands of acres of land on the Musselshell and Yellowstone are fenced up illegally, and that some men are wearing stripes today for doing no more than has been done by the silk stocking alliance men of Billings. But after all they are only following in the footsteps of the rest of the capitalist class in taking possession of the whole earth that the slavery of the rest of the people may be made more apparent.

In the heights of their success—with their control of the machinery of production and their control of the political power—there is a day of retribution coming. The people are rallying to the slogan of the socialists and economic freedom is in sight. In every town and hamlet the glad tidings of hope and freedom are being told, and the workers are preparing to register their ballots against the high-handed lawlessness of the capitalists, and unite upon the working class program of the socialist party.

**Women's Clubs**

**WOMEN UNDER SOCIALISM**

Children would come into the world by parents who would have no fear and anxiety as to their material wants for the future. They would come into the world through a glad free motherhood, who would look forward to their motherhood as a delight, and not as a dread. In a government of equals there would be no laws forcing maternity upon unwilling mothers at the point of the dread of starvation and abandonment.

Children thus joyfully born would be wholesomely nourished from infancy. They would not be murdered by adulterated milk for profit. They would not die like flies in packed and steaming cities because an ice trust held all the ice. They would not perish from miserable diseases, caused by tainted and filthy water, caused for human consumption, prepared to make profit upon. The majority of infant diseases are preventable under proper conditions.

Children would be perpetually under the care of skilled and competent persons. That they should grow into healthy, vigorous animals would be the first consideration. Society would protect itself and provide for its future by rearing and training its young in a normal and sound social organism. The children would not grow up with a sense of unnatural and unjust social distinctions, but would develop into a full consciousness of their powers with no artificial restraints upon their natural abilities.

The value of creche, kindergarten and scientific training schools would be open to the children of the commonwealth. Their intellects would be trained to open investigation and questioning with no inculcation of obedience to authority and state as the first principle. As they themselves would be the authority and the state and when they grew up the chief precept of control would be that of co-operation with the majority. As they themselves would help to form that majority the most essential mental equipment would be power of investigation and judgment with a tremendous sense of personal responsibility.

Society would not work its children to the exhaustion of their immature bodies. It would not murder them in sweatshops and mills. It would not debauch their young bodies and minds. It would not blight the young beauty of their imagination and affections by a cold and loveless atmosphere, and the crushing of noble ideals and instincts in the tender bud of youthful promise.

The minds of children would not be filled with lies, grotesque tales, impossible monstrosities, and senseless superstitions. It would not be necessary to teach love by tales of a big chunk of avoidpouis named Santa Claus floating through the atmosphere in violation of all known laws of gravitation, with packs of nothingness for the poor children and huge loads of luxuries for the rich. Or to teach religion and moral acts by ludicrous pictures called angels, of half-naked females of substantial material proportions, steering through the clouds without an air propeller, and arousing questioning as to what factory their floating cloth draperies were manufactured in. The same ludicrous analysis applies to fairy tales. Socialism exalts truth above everything else. There is nothing but truth and fact. If a child is taught untruth, and violation of nature's laws its mind is perverted so that it is never able afterwards to distinguish truth through its own powers of investigation. Class rule bends, dwarfs, and deforms the mind for its own purposes. It is the purpose of the revolutionary movement to obliterate class rule so the human being may develop in its own natural grace and powers. —I. C. HAZLETT.

**ALLIANCE LIES NAILED**

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ical arena. We say, with Shakespeare, "What's the matter, you dissentious rogues, that rubbing the poor itch of your opinion, make yourselves scabs?"

**Farmers With Unions.**

This strong address closes with the following significant words: "The Citizens' Alliance, with their lack of foresight, are not reckoning on an aggressive organization of farmers in the Yellowstone valley, but such will be the result, and when the farmers are forced to organize to protect their interests from a sugar beet point of view, they will become a strong ally of organized labor. This is one reason why it is gratifying to find that the sugar beet factory is an assured fact—according to the Citizens' Alliance—in spite of organized labor."

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**National News**

Salt Lake City, July 28.—The socialist convention nominated William S. Dalton of Salt Lake City for judge of the supreme court and Homer P. Burt of Salt Lake for congressman.

The platform declares for a law making operative the direct legislation amendment adopted by the people six years ago, public ownership and the abolition of the contract system on public works. A resolution condemning as "anarchists" the governors of Idaho and Colorado for their actions toward Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, under arrest charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, was adopted.

Council Bluffs, Ia., July 27.—A street meeting addressed by Harry McKee of California, national lecturer and organizer for the Socialist party, was broken up by the police last night. McKee claims to have received permission from the mayor to hold the meeting but Chief of Police Richmond declares that McKee was making an inflammatory speech against the government and that he would not permit it.—Press Dispatch.

Motion No. 6, which provides that the National Executive committee constitute itself into a Congressional Campaign committee issue a manifesto to voters, prepare uniform literature, assign national organizers, establish a press committee to issue special appeals for funds and employ a special campaign manager under the direction of the National Secretary, has carried.

Arthur Morrow Lewis was arrested July 15 at Kansas City for street speaking but was afterwards dismissed and addressed a crowd of 1,100 the following evening and sold \$13 worth of literature. Later he was arrested in Parsons and pending settlement of case is drawing the largest meetings ever held in Parsons.

County tickets have been nominated in twenty-two counties of Wisconsin, and more will follow, in spite of the complexities of the primary election law, which seems to be especially contrived for the discouragement of minority parties and the harassment of the social democrats.

At the conference of the central board of the Iron Molders' union of Colorado, at Colorado Springs, July 8, the candidacy of Haywood and the socialist ticket were unanimously endorsed and a circular recommending endorsement by all the local unions have been sent out.

Fred D. Warren, managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, has been nominated for congress by the Third Kansas district. The constituency is largely coal miners, and a large vote is a foregone conclusion.

National Committeeman Berlyn has moved that the National Executive committee place four speakers at the disposal of the Colorado State committee for September and October and bear their expenses.

Motion No. 8, that a committee of three prepare a platform for 1908 to be amended by the National committee and printed three months before the convention, carried.

Upton Sinclair, author of The Jungle, has been nominated by the New Jersey socialists for congress from the Fourth congressional district of New Jersey.

Charters have been granted by the national office to Local Salisbury, Maryland, 7 members, and Local Charleston, South Carolina, 7 members.

Motion No. 9, to publish a semi-monthly bulletin dealing with the kidnapping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone until trial, has carried.

A local paper has been taken over by Local Warner, Ohio, and will be published under the name of "Buckeye State Socialist."

Three locals were organized in Georgia last month. One of these, Augusta, has increased its membership from 17 to 40.

Motion No. 7, to accept the rate fixed by the International Bureau, 1250 francs, as the annual dues has carried.

Delaware socialists will hold their nominating convention at Wilmington, August 15.

Those unions desiring speakers for Labor Day would do well to communicate with Secretary J. D. Graham, Box 908, Helena, Mont., who will be able to furnish first class speakers.

**International**

**THE ORGANIZED REVOLUTION.**

It is always the unexpected that happens. It was generally predicted that Russia would fall into chaos and red ruin upon the dissolution of the Douma. The marvelous discipline and self-restraint of the forces of the revolution is the wonder of the ruling class of the world and the inspiration of the proletariat. Far from falling into red ruin, organization has triumphed with the proletariat and peasants and the quiet preparation that goes on hourly for the death grapple bodes a conflict grim and terrible. The dissolution of the parliament was followed by a re-assembling of that body in Viborg, Finland, from where an address calling on the people to refrain from paying taxes or supporting the government, followed by a joint conference of the social democrats, social revolutionists, group of toil, the outlawed professional organizations and the peasant organization in St. Petersburg, at which it was decided to defer the general strike and armed revolution until thorough preparations were made. This self-restraint is the best evidence possible of the growth of the revolution into a constructive force and the best promise of its success. That the Russian revolutionists can do this under past and present circumstances is wonderful and is an effective refutation that revolution in Russia means anarchy.

The efforts of the Catholic church to offset the socialist movement in Germany by the organization of Christian Democratic unions is meeting with failure. Formerly these unions were very powerful but the members are coming over to the socialist unions so rapidly that the priests are alarmed. At one of their congresses at Gelsenkirchen a Bavarian priest reproached them with their infidelity, but his words had very little effect. "We are Christians still," they said, "but surely even Christians may be allowed to move. We are mining Christians of the 20th century." The Prussian socialists and trade unionists have had a secret conclave on the general strike, which altogether shows that the socialist movement is the only labor movement of Germany.

In keeping with the unreasonable attitude of the Catholic church toward socialism the Clerical party (Catholic) of Italy and the moderate liberals (capitalist) have formed an alliance to beat the socialists. Their expectations, however, in the elections just held, were not realized. Only at Milan did they return their candidates with a good majority; (3,000). At Monsa, Cremona and Spezia the socialists beat all comers and achieved a most brilliant victory. Even in Milan socialist Deputy Turati succeeded in holding his ground against the combine.

The report of the secretary of the Independent Labor party of Great Britain, which is the principal socialist party of England, shows a phenomenal growth for the year for that organization. There are 428 branches in the directory list, as against 274 in last year's report, an increase of 154. Since the list was compiled, however, 30 to 40 new branches have been added. There are 494 members of this party holding office.

The British socialists have hopes of electing a new member of parliament to fill the vacancy at Cockerham made by the death of Lord Wilfrid Lawson. Robert Smillie, president of the Scotch Miner's Federation has been nominated by the Independent Labor party. He is an old time socialist and stands high in the estimation of the trade unionists. Workington, the principal town in the district has five socialists in the town council.

The elections for the Skupschtina, the parliament of Serbia, held June 25, resulted in 79 old radicals, 49 young radicals, 14 nationalists, 3 progressists and one socialist. Nine elections are still to be made and from three districts the official returns are not yet reported.—"Arbeiter Zeitung", Vienna, Austria.

The growth of the Danish socialist party is shown by the following figures: 1897, 767 votes; 1881, 1,689 votes; 1884, 6,806 votes; 1901, 42,972 votes; 1903, 55,593 votes. Twenty-four candidates were elected to the Folkething by 76,566 votes.

The Italian socialist party has 1,400 sections with a total of 40,000 members, 110 sections with a membership of 5,000 favoring reform, and 1,290 sections with a membership of 35,000 are for socialism's revolutionary program.

The Social Democratic Federation, one of the socialist parties of Great Britain, has dedicated with appropriate ceremonies its new home in Maiden Lane, Strand, London, where headquarters have since been established.

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## State Department

In order to keep your section of the community thoroughly posted on what the Socialist Party is doing in Montana during the campaign, and let the ignorant know there is some other party besides those engineered by the Amalgamated, each local should take weekly bundles of the News from now on till after election next fall. To any individual or local contracting for these bundles we will furnish them at the rate of \$2 for ten copies per week till after election. Larger bundles will be at the same rate. That is 100 copies a week will cost \$20 from now till after election. Order your bundles early so you can be educating your neighborhood.

Everybody has to register this year.

Locals, send in the one dollar assessment to pay for expenses of convention.

Don't forget the one-day-wage fund. This year you consecrate one day's wages to the cause of labor.

State committeeman, Jno. Hudson, of Dean, moves "that we hold our state convention in Butte, September 4."

Comrade Topel sends from Local Bozeman, \$20 on press fund; \$5, convention assessment; for stamps \$5; total \$30.

Comrades Brown and Cragg write us from Lewistown that they will soon be ready for Mrs. Lewis.

Comrade Ogleby sends in the application for a charter for Columbus and remittance for one month.

Comrade Thos. McGrady writes from Cincinnati that he will speak in Great Falls August 12 and Missoula August 18.

Lets have the funds now, so we can carry out the biggest socialist campaign Montana ever saw. Send contributions to party secretary, Montana News.

Comrade Worthy writes that Latimer did good work at Roberts. "He takes well", says Comrade Worthy, "and makes socialists wherever he goes.

The postmaster at Livingston got in a rage and went out on the streets and abused all socialists and socialism generally. Cause: A post office inspector had visited him.

Comrades Coehn and Peugh write from Livingston ordering due stamps, application blanks and socialist platforms, and inquiring if they can get Teofilo Peterella, the Italian organizer for Livingston.

Comrade MacDonald is busy sowing the soil with socialism and subs for the "News" on his way to North Dakota. He just sends in the cash for four subscriptions for Sidney, Mont., and is on track of some job work.

Bundle orders for the "News" have begun to come in very encouragingly. Mrs. Wesleder of Great Falls, a bundle of five for a year; W. N. Palsgrove of Great Falls, a bundle of ten until election; Frank Mabie of Fridly, a bundle till election; Comrade Fuller of Missoula, a bundle of ten till election; St. Regis Lumbermen's union, a bundle of ten for a year.

Kendall is boiling. It keeps boiling harder all the time. Comrade Ezra Olson sends for 20 more stamps and writes, "We have finally got enough members to hold meetings every Sunday night. They are pretty well stirred up here. You hear them talk socialism almost any hour in the day."

Comrade Paul Castle writes from Central Park that he is sending his second article on socialism to the "Montana Sunlight" at Whitehall and says he has not yet received any help in keeping up the socialist column in that paper but will proceed as he can, even

though he has no help. The idea is a capital one and other comrades should assist in taking advantage of this privilege extended by the "Montana Sunlight."

Comrade MacDonald sends in a sub from Glendive and reports, I think you ought to have a speaker and organizer here by all means as there could be established a strong local, also at Miles City as there is a strong socialist sentiment at both places."

There must be something doing down in Billings these days. Comrade Powers surprises us by sending again for stamps. He wants 60 this time. He says the third socialist candidate for county commissioner for Yellowstone county is Benj. Ogleby of Columbus.

Comrade J. W. Reely writes from Missoula that the local has decided to take Thomas McGrady for a paid lecture for one night, and says they await with interest the coming of Comrade Latimer and Lewis. He says: "We are gradually cutting that link that makes the chain complete that binds us down, called prejudice and ignorance. Comrade Hazlett's speeches stirred up interest here and started the enemy to fighting. All classes and professions attended her lectures, lawyers, doctors, bankers, business men, politicians and preachers, and a great many ladies."

In a letter inquiring concerning Wilson's dates, Comrade Mabie relates the following:

"Got a letter from Comrade Langlois. He says, 'It has been a long time since I got your letter but I determined not to write until I could send some money.' He encloses \$5 for press fund and \$1 for dues. Here is a comrade who has been gone from here for over two—yes, nearly three years. There is no local near him so he still holds his membership in Local Chico. His dues are always in advance and every little while he gives a boost with five dollars. It is such comrades as this that give one faith in humanity and the socialist movement."

Local Livingston is the first to line up in an organized effort to get the much needed funds for the campaign. At the last meeting of the local it was decided to hold a social August 11 for this purpose. Orders have already been sent into this office for 250 tickets and the same number of hand bills and preparations are being made for the biggest affair of this kind ever held in Livingston, which is already famous for such events, it being the pioneer in Montana along this line. Close on a hundred dollars was cleared in Livingston the last social, but confidence is felt that in the midst of the general interest in the campaign this record will be far exceeded. Now watch and profit by Livingston. If the locals generally will plan as soon as possible to do as Livingston is doing we will soon have a campaign fund that will make the enemy sick.

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### Mrs. Hazlett's Report.

Sunday, July 21, Comrade Tabert drove me from Stark to Lathrop. This is a big lumber camp with 150 men working. Comrade Tolbert put out some bills, but could not stay to assist with the meeting. The meeting was held in front of the hotel. About 60 men were present. We need to spend extra work on these logging camps. The men are not militant and aggressive as the miners are, and they need all the more teaching, and association with an aggressive working class movement. A good worker at Lathrop two or three days would accomplish wonders.

From Lathrop I went to St. Regis. Along this branch road there are 1,000 votes within 75 miles, and yet the state organization has been utterly unable to get into communication with the section. Here at St. Regis the first thing, however, I found our old stand-by, Comrade Rogers, and received grateful shelter in his comfortable home. Meetings were arranged for me at the Blackfoot camp, two and a half miles away, and at Riberdy's camp, one and a half mile away. Comrade Odell, secretary of the union, arranged matters at Blackfoot. When I drove out there Tuesday evening, the hall was in readiness and the men all out. No charge was made for the hall, a collection of \$5.10 was taken, and the men stated that they would bring the matter up before the union of taking the paper, when they thought about 20 copies would be taken. This is a most excellent method of concentrating the attention of the union men on the point of local political action, and its necessity. A general formless idea of socialism leads to no results unless it is crystallized into local political effort. This is a general socialist paper cannot do. There is no definite purpose to it, no practical local aim. This is the reason why state papers alone can mould this vast chaotic American socialist sentiment into practical intelligent, revolutionary action. The socialists must know what their movement is doing in their own territory, so that they can enter into co-operation with it and bring allied forces against the common enemy. St. Regis is the result of this undefined sentiment engendered by the general paper. The sentiment of the place is socialist. The precinct goes socialist by a majority. Even on a vote among the school children there was a socialist majority. Yet there is no organization, and not even a knowledge of the state movement here in Montana, which is eliciting the admiration of the American movement for its strides in organization, its active and ceaseless propaganda, the number of workers kept in the field, and the results obtained in offices captured, percentage of votes, and the tussle continually carried on with the capitalist class for the legal rights of the working class. But we have made the break in the western part of the state now, and the slogan is—watch Missoula county. Wednesday evening the meeting was held at Riberdy's camp. Mr. Riberdy extended us every courtesy. We had the mill shed for an auditorium and logs and new planks for seats, while the story of proletarian triumph and the passing of poverty, disease, crime and working class degradation was told over again to toiling men without homes or natural ties, and no possessions, but the bed that they strap to their backs. The stars and the young moon looked down on us, the waters of the St. Regis river rippled past, the dull red of the forest fires shone in the distance, the lonely mountains with their somber firs kept watch while a little band of men and women spoke and dreamed and worked together for the new, glad, free life that is yet to be. From such effort has man come to his estate; through such effort will he yet conquer time.

We reorganized the local with Comrade E. Rogers as secretary. They will take out their lists next Sunday, when they think they will have a membership of about twelve or fifteen. Collections, \$8.15; subs sold, 6; books sold \$1.50. Thursday I came into the Coeur d'Alene district, of historic and tragic fame. It marks one of the bitter Waterloo of the working class. Labor still covers and bends its head. I found a few bills had been put up, but I had no help. So I had to mount a chair in front of the hotel, tell the story of the brutal blow at labor in Idaho, and exhort the working men to class political action this fall to save their brothers from the hangman's noose. I soon found I had a sympathetic audience. There was the greatest demand for books and sub cards, and I sold all I had. I discovered some first class socialists, notably the proprietor of the Leroy cafe. He wants us to organize the Coeur d'Alene. He says Idaho needs the work more than Montana, that if they were organized they could arrange meetings properly. This hit and miss method does not accomplish results as it should. For instance the mines are away with some 500 men working, and neither shift heard the speech because they didn't know anything about it. We must or-

ganize the Coeur d'Alene. Idaho must send up a socialist vote that will make the plutocratic conspirators tremble on their already tottering thrones. We must put heart into the working class. We must go with them into the smoke of battle. We must organize the Coeur d'Alene.

### Mrs. Lewis' Report.

Comrade Jesse Selby reports concerning Mrs. Lewis' meetings in Great Falls. 'Comrade Lewis' meetings of Saturday and Sunday were a complete success. On Saturday we had a fine crowd on the street, sold \$12.50 worth of literature among which was a lot of copies of "The Evolution of Man" only having three left out of the number Comrade Lewis brought with her to the meetings. The lecture on "The sex question" was delivered to a crowded hall. Sales of literature was even greater amounting to \$17.50, sold everything Comrade Lewis brought with her consisting of copies of "The Evolution of Man," "Science and Evolution," "Science and Life," and others. Something will be doing when people get to read things of this character. We hope to have a large meeting tonight, when Comrade Lewis hopes to deal with reform movements with special reference to Hearst, also some view points of American history from our standpoint."

### Wilson's Meetings.

Comrade Rydberg sends in the following report of Ben Wilson's first meeting at Red Lodge:

"Ben Wilson, the socialist lecturer, arrived in Red Lodge last Friday and gave a lecture in the evening before a large and attentive audience. The hall used for the occasion was not made by hand, but vaulted by the canopy of heaven and the platform consisted of the usual soapbox. Comrade Wilson is a magnetic and forceful speaker and drove the truth home with sledgehammer-blows that penetrated the understanding of even the dullest of old party adherents of whom several specimens were present. It was a lecture full of logic and flashes of wit and was a stunning intellectual blow to a rotten social and political system doomed to fall under the weight of its own wickedness.

Comrade Wilson left the next day to lecture at Roberts in Carbon county and expects to speak the day after (Sunday evening) in Red Lodge again.

Comrade Wilson writes of his meetings at Red Lodge and vicinity.

"I spoke last night at Roberts; 21 people present; collections \$1.35. Red Lodge collections, Friday night, \$4.65. Will speak at Red Lodge Saturday night and go to a farm school house Monday and make Billings Tuesday."

### In Wyoming.

The people are hungry for the message of socialism. Listen what Comrade John B. McNair says of Wilson's Wyoming meetings:

"Ben F. Wilson of Berkeley, Cal., has been holding several street meetings in Sheridan, Nye also at Dietz and Monarch with splendid results. Comrade Wilson

in the estimation of many who heard him is by far the ablest exponent of socialism that has yet visited this section. With forceful logic, eloquent language and pleasing manner he preached the gospel of socialism to many who heard it for the first time, and were politically converted. If the socialist movement had more such speakers and workers as Ben Wilson it would greatly forward the cause. Yours fraternally."

The Socialist party has broken into the country precincts of Yellowstone county. Columbus is organized and the farmers in the vicinity are preparing to organize another local. The state secretary wrote John Hudson of Dean to go into Columbus and organize, and sent word to Latimer to meet him there and stir them up with one of his whirlwind speeches. Comrade Hudson, like the true warrior he is, left his hayting at the bugle call and rode 40 miles. Well, of course, when Latimer and Hudson got after them a local had to come through. Those fellows must be a mutual admiration society, for unknown to each other they described the event and called each other daisies. Comrade Latimer wrote: "Organized a local of six comrades with several more promising to join this morning. Comrade Benj' Ogleby is secretary. The ranchers across the river said they would organize also, so Comrade Hudson is coming up and get them into line. He is true blue and a hummer. He quit his hayfield and rode 40 miles to be at the meeting. Sold 55 cents worth of literature, two subs to the "News" and took up a collection of \$2.75. Am well pleased with the meetings."

Comrade Thomas Burns, acting secretary of Local Butte, sent in a splendid account of Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis' meeting in Butte after we were made up for press last week. We are sorry it is too late to publish this inspiring account this week, but cannot refrain from culling the facts given in the letter. Tuesday the subject was "International Socialism", and an immense crowd was held to the last. Wednesday night "Cause of Poverty" to a crowd of over 600, which stood two hours in rapt attention. Thursday night the "Militia Bill" and the "Kidnapping of the Miners' Union Officers", held a crowd of from 700 to 800 spellbound; Friday night, "Education". In a panic caused by a runaway the platform upon which Mrs. Lewis stood was knocked over and she was injured, and when she remounted and began again she was greeted with ringing cheers. Saturday night, "Evolution", to a crowd of 1,000 intensely interested listeners. Sunday night, "Socialism and Science", in a scholarly and masterly manner. Monday night, "Historic Revolutions", to a great crowd that even a threatening rainstorm could not drive away. Comrade Burns closes with the notice that Local Butte meets every Thursday night, 8 p. m., in a classroom of the Butte Business College, Owsley block, corner Main and East Park streets.

All Socialists should subscribe for the News.

### Latimer's Meetings.

Comrade A. D. Peugh reports Latimer's meetings in Livingston as follows:

In Livingston.

"Comrade Latimer was here last Thursday night, also Friday and Saturday nights. Thursday night was not very well advertised and our crowd was not large, but the next night it was good size and Comrade Latimer gave them nearly two hours' talk on the inside history that has only partly been written on the bull pens of Idaho and Colorado. The comrade being an old miner himself and having been an inmate of the Coeur d'Alene bull pens and a blacklisted miner he could give the inside and unwritten history of the rotten devilry that was played on the Western Federation of Miners during the Coeur d'Alene troubles by a democratic governor backed by a republican president with the military power. Comrade Latimer gave them the facts from a practical standpoint as only one of the victims could give. Then he painted the facts of the rascality and hoodlumism of the Colorado anarchists backed by a republican president. The facts he gave his audience of the Colorado devilry was also from a practical standpoint as he went there in quest of work after he got out of the Idaho bull pens, but as he was already on the blacklist the master class turned him down and he had to look for another master. Saturday night Comrade Latimer was at his best and he delivered a splendid address in a plain practical manner on the "Conception and the Misconception of Socialism." The crowd was of good size and a big majority was well pleased all the way through the address. Some of the master class was sandwiched all through the crowd. The ground covered Saturday night in his address was extensive but was systematically covered to the satisfaction of his audience. Comrade Latimer is a good practical speaker and will interest any crowd of working men with facts if they listen to him."

In Chestnut.

Comrade J. E. Friel writes of Latimer's meetings in Chestnut as follows: "Comrade Latimer was here and held a meeting last night to a good size crowd and made a fine speech on the Labor Problem. He told the slaves how to free themselves of the chains that bind them to slavery. The collections were \$2.40 and some literature sold. We are ready for Ben Wilson to come."

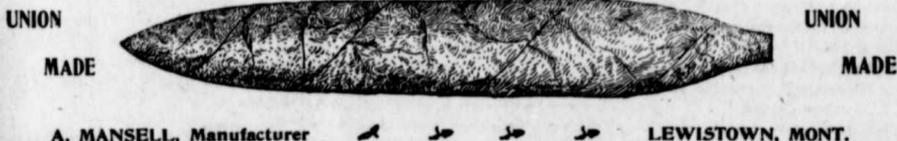
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