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TO OUR COMRADES: GREETING.

By Eugene V. Debs.

The campaign is ended and my very first thought is of the kindness shown me and the loyal support given me in every part of the country. While at times the exactions were trying I was sustained every hour by the loving care and unflagging support of comrades. To me this was the most beautiful and satisfying feature of the campaign. It expressed the true spirit of Socialist comradeship which is the making of our movement and which will sustain it through every ordeal until it is finally triumphant.

The one incident we all deeply regretted was the illness of comrade Ben Hanford. With all his heart he yearned to be where he always has been, in the thick of the battle, but he had given himself too freely all his life, utterly forgetful of self, until at last his physical powers succumbed and he was compelled to see others on the firing line while he was reserved for less strenuous service that he might have some chance for physical recuperation. His very illness bears testimony to his many years of service in the past when it required courage and sacrifice to be a socialist, and all of us join most fervently in the hope that he may recuperate his impaired powers and again take his wonted place in the activities of the move-

Truly this has been a magnificent campaign for the Socialist party. Our meetings from coast to coast have been the marvel of all, and such enthusiasm has never been displayed in any political campaign.

The hundreds of young, forceful and effective orators, both men and women, who have taken part in this battle have been developed mainly since the last National contest and their magnificent work contributed tremendously to the success of the campaign. The Socialist papers all did their best and are entitled to the largest measure of credit. Through our papers we were able to checkmate every attempt on the part of the capitalist press to deceive the workers and no such attempts were made along that line as were made in previous campaigns.

The National office in all its departments was most efficiently organized and under its supervision the most effective work was done in promoting a uniform and vicorous educational propaganda throughout the

As for the "Red Special" I prefer that its work shall speak for itself. I only wish to say that I feel deeply indebted to each and every member of it for the faithful service and personal devotion of which I was the recipient from the first to the last hour of its journey. Each member of the crew discharged his duty faithfully and to each and all I owe a debt of personal gratitude I shall never be

The "Red Special" band was an in-Special" tour and a decided factor in its success. At many points it was just what was needed to kindle enthusiasm and round out the meeting and give it the power needed to stir the crowd into action.

If it were possible to keep a "Red Special" moving constantly it would hasten by many months the development of the movement and the overthrow of capitalist misrule. Since this cannot be at present perhaps steps might be taken to have a Socialist car built and kept moving about over the country the year around, making its stop at each point long enough to thoroughly stir up the community and sow the seeds of Socialist thought and activity.

At this time I have no idea what will be equal to all reasonable expectations. The country knew this year for the first time that the Socialist party was a factor to be reckoned with in the campaign. We have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon the success of the campaign and the Debs vote this year. In Silver to face the future with renewed assurance that the day of victory is drawing near.

Comrades, one and all everywhere, again I thank you and salute you!

You have fought a magnificent battle and now you are to prepare without loss of time for the next. Let the campaign of 1912 be opened all along the line. There is no reason why we should halt. The capitalist enemy may now for a brief time riot In its spoils, but for us the struggle is driven from the field and a triumphant working class proclaims the Socialist Commonwealth.

Yours for the next Battle, EUGENE V. DEBS. Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 3, 1908.

Montana Vote Showing Well

Gain in Small Precincts....State Ticket Gaining on National as Against Great Discrepancy Four Years Ago.

The Socialist vote in Montana will not be fully known until the official valuable accessory of the "Red canvass has been made by the Philipsburg, South...... 6 county commissioners. From returns Rock Creek...... 1 received so far the indications are that we have made a healthy gain throughout the state, except in the larger cities, where we have made little or no gains, and in some instances fallen below the vote of four White Pine..... years ago.

The vote for Debs in Silver Bow county, including Butte, falls twentyone short of the vote Debs received in that county in 1904. The fact that there were three thousand less votes cast in Butte this year accounts for the falling off.

The small mining camps and rural precincts give us a large increase and indicate a net gain in the state of thirty per cent over the Debs vote of four years ago making our vote this our vote is, but I have no doubt it year over 7,000 as compared with 5,676 of 1904.

> Four years ago our state ticket received only sixty per cent of the Debs vote, or 3,428 for governor The returns received indicate that the vote cast for our state ticket will exceed Bow county our state ticket made a gain of 500 votes over the vote received four years ago for governor.

The figures for the returns of 1906 are not available so a comparison cannot be made

The vote received by our presidential candidates and the fact that almost everywhere throughout the country their vote ran behind the local tickets justifies the arguments and actions of the Montana delegation to the national convention. Issues and not must be continuous until that enemy popular men were what was needed in the past campaign.

Gompers, Bryan and Hearst are all blamed for the workers running after false gods; rather we should blame ourselves and our methods. In ne other country where the Socialist party is established would the opportunity that presented itself in the form of a labor crisis have been passed up. Here we are, too busy dealing W in abstract theories to waste time in w

The Socialist party is the political expression of the working class and should rally to the attack when a labor crisis is on, instead of allowing der. Had we done so, perhaps our cause might have been further ad-

vanced in the campaign now ended, In reviewing the situation in Montana we have every reason to be satisfied with the results when compared to other districts. The sparsely settled county gave us the greatest increase, and the most astonishing thing is the number of straight votes cast in Tw them. These counties have been neglected in the past and more attention should be given to them in the future, while it costs more to carry on our propaganda in the sparsely settled counties yet, the returns are greater in the end for the energy expended. Ho It is to those counties that we have to look to for our solid and staunchest growth which can be relied upon during a crisis and from them we will receive our earliest and largest dele-

gations to the state legislature. Turning to the enemy, we find that the democratic party has made substantial gains in the state legislature, well generaled and using good tactics and every indication of continuing so, with ambitious men anxious to go to the United States senate in the next two or four years.

Receiving time and energy that only trained minds can give, the democratic party will be an exceedingly lively corpse as far as the Socialist party of Montana is concerned, for the next four years.

DEBS' VOTE IN SOME MONTANA PRECINCTS-(Unofficial).

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Maiden	6	5
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Glasgow, Nov 11, 1908. The Socialist vote in Glasgow was 50 votes. This is for the town only. Some of the railroad boys were outsix to my knowledge. I will give you the exact vote of Valley county as soon as we get it. At our last meeting, November 2, Hiram N. Coster was elected representative to the State

P. W. KAMPFER. Vote in 1904-Debs 6; total in Valley county 1904, Debs 11.

Beaverhead County. Jackson, Mont., Nov. 4, 1908.

Editor Montana News:

in this precinct. ty, Mont. For state ticket in 1906,

cincts in this county.

checker here during election I believe we could have polled 30 votes. JOHN MARRIOTT.

Beaverhead County. Complete (official)-Debs 1900, 5 1964, 24; 1968, 71.

Lewis and Clark County. Silver

Debs 4, Duncan 5 Hazelton 5, Buzzel 5, Harvey 5, Parr 5, Powers 5, Castle 5, Lyons 4, Maury 4, Peugh 4, Gilchrest 5, Billings 5, Leopold 5, Tipton 5, Taylor 5, Arnold 5, Lawrence 5, Frey 5, Elis 5, Claussen 5, Thetge 4, Rose 4, Halberg 4, Roberts 3 Walker 5, Carlson 5, Roberts 5, Luch-

NATIONAL RETURNS

Pennsylvania seems to be the banner Socialist state in the east. Tennessee Missouri and other agricultural states are making a surprise in the increased Socialist vote. Oklahoma, Washington and Idaho indicate great gains It is estimated that the reports from the west justify the expectation of the doubling of the entire national vote. It is impossible to get the returns of the Socialist vote as we do on the capitalist vote, as the papers will handle no Socialist reports until the official records are in. Practically nothing is in from Montana, as the different localities seem to have been indifferent and not sent in their re-

The Connecticut vote as compiled by the state secretary totals 5,053 with 30 towns yet to be heard from. TheDebs vote in 1904 was 4,543.

Tennessee reports 5,000, a gain of 400 per cent over 1904. Debs' vote in Idaho 10,000. Washington reports a confidence in 15,000

Rhode Island gives Debs 1295 votes as against 956 in 1904. The Socialist party is now the third party in that

independence and Socialist labor par-

Two Socialists were elected in New Jersey, North Haliday elected Samuel Buser tax collector and Emil Brantian tax assessor. The republicans combined to defeat Socialist candidates for

A vote of ten towns in New Hampshire already doubles the state vote

The total vote of Greater New York for Debs was 25,301. Higsen received 27,279. Wadehope, Socialist 23,414. The total gain over 1994 is 847.

Oklahoma polled 22,750 votes for has jumped from 4,443, now five times

Arkansas polled 6,000 Socialist votes

as against 1,816 in 1904. Nevada, Kansas and Minnesota show a great increase with incomplete

Louisiana gives 1,500 for Debs with

995 in 1904. Massachusetts, 8,980.

New York state, 40,000.

Sparks, Nevada. Debs 111, United States senator, Y

C. Lutz, 91; congressman, John Critchfield, 96; supreme court, Emil Larke. 110: surveyor general, L. B. Hawkins, 112; university regent, A. A. Hibbard, 134; C. E. Meyers, 109; state senator, W. H Cardill, 100; state asembly, B. D Rice, 183; H. F. Gegox, 108; H. Hall 105; H. Hoggert, 101; sheriff, J. E. Peterson, 122; county clerk, Chris Clerk, 109; recorder and auditor, J. V Webber, 121; conuty treasurer, R. W. Bracken, 144 county assessor, Albert Pachalke, 109; district attorney, R. W. White, 92: Public administrator C. M. Jones, 135; county surveyor, E. C. Brooks, 1591; county commissioners, Judd Harris, 127; Y. E. Rutter, 194; justice of the peace, E. H. Beamer, 134; constable, F. E. Langdon, 196. The referendum providing for the Nevada constabulary received 205 votes against it.

ALMOST OUTLAWED IN WASH-INGTON.

Owing to a supreme court decision the Socialist party of Washington is in danger of losing its vote this election. The decision reversed three lower court decision and was handed down late on the afternoon of the day legally provided for filing nominations, all the evidence going to show that the late decision was given with full intent to deprive the socialists of their Dear Comrade: I take this method vote. The presidential electoral ticket of informing you of the Socialist vote will appear under the heading of "The Socialist Party," but no other names Jackson precinct, Beaverhead coun- will be on the official ballot. The decision makes it necessary to pay sev-1 vote; for state ticket in 1908, 10 eral thousand dollars primary election votes; for national ticket, 17 votes. tax before the socialist candidates can Total vote of precinct, 125. Do not be put on the ballot. The socialists know the vote of any of the other pre- having cast less than 10 per cent of the vote at the preceding election were Yours in hopes that this county will not required to make their nominabe able to put a ticket in the field by tions in the official primary election, and therefore did not come under the P. S .- If we could have had a good tax requirement. It will be necessary to resort to pasters to give the socialists a chance to vote for their candidates.

FOLLOW UP THE VIC-TORY.

By Ben Hanford.

There's nothing the matter with the

THE VOTE IS ALL RIGHT. It was a splendid battle, nobly

ought and grandly won. The Jimmie Higginses and the Mary

Hamiltons and Eugene Debs and every man and woman in the cause did their best-and it was glorious. It was heroic. Not a shirker. Not a deserter. Only workers, doers, build-

What a grand victory.

Comrades, that victory must be followed up. The enemy are demoralized and in full retreat. We must smite them hip and thigh. The retreat must be made a rout.

We have the public ear and eye. Socialism's spoken word must be heard. Its written word must be

The winter courses of lectures must succeed the campaign and street-corner meetings. The serious pamphlet and book and constructive side of the Socialist philosophy must be presented to those who have heard the analysis and criticism of capitalism and its denunciation.

Then all these new voters of the Socialist ticket They must be attended to and at once. We must get them: to become party members-workersand doers They must become Comrades. Some one taught the gospel of Socialism to each of these new voters. They must pay for their tuition by themselves becoming teachers.

The new Socialist voter must become a recruit in the movement and state, having passed the prohibition. join the Socialist party. The recruit must be trained to be a Socialist soldier, and in due time the soldier will be a veteran.

Comrades, do not fail to ask every new voter to join the party. Explain to him just how our party goes about its work. Show him that, were it not for the party organization, he might never have heard of Socialism and would have had no opportunity to vote the Socialist ticket. Out of all thesenew voters we shall surely find some treasures. Who knows but among them there may be another Debs. Not a greater or a grander than Debs. That cannot be. But another Debs. Debs. In four years the Socialist vote Think what another Debs would have done in this campaign.

> Comrades, spare no effort to build up the party organization.

> Then the Socialist press. You must

not neglect it for a day. Our two English dailies, the Chicago Daily Socialist and the New York Evening Call, must be made self-supporting. It can be done, and in a

few months' time. Now that the election is over, now that four long years are to pass before the people have another chance to say who and what kind of men shall be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States, you may be sure that those judges will quickly teach the workingmen of this country

It will not take the union men of the United States long to find out what kind of a "friend of labor" they have in the White House after the 4th

their need of Socialist daily papers:

Then those union men will look toour Socialist Dailies for support and: instruction. They will be ready to receive and we must be ready to givethem what they look for. By the tens of thousands they will then seethe mistake of electing a capitalist candidate to the Presidency of the United States to look after workingmen's interests. Meantime Comrades. before next 4th of March, right now .. we must go to work and establish these two dailies firmly on a self-supporting basis.

Our weekly press must not for a moment be neglected. In some respects it is more important than the daily press. The weekly press can present the Socialist arguments more extensively and thoroughly than the daily can do. A daily paper must. devote the greater part of its space to the day's news. Its chief function must be the interpretation of passing events. But the weekly press can undertake the complete exposition of the Socialist philosophy, and in many respects has an educational and propaganda value that can never be equalled by the daily pape,r and which only the Socialist pamphlet and book can surpass. The daily and weekly papers are equally necessary.

So Comrades, there are three things to take your immediate effort and

Build up the organization of the Socialist party. That is the backbone of our movement. Establish on a self-sustaining basis our daily and

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

The Social-Democratic party in some previous elections, is partly ow-Milwaukee has made a gain of about ing to to the Bryan wave and partly to Gompers and Bryan to use our thun-1,500 votes on state and county tickets. On the assembly tickets we have gained 1,873 votes. The vote for Harvey Dee Brown, Social-Democratic candidate for governor, was 18,256 in

RETURNS FROM WISCONSIN SHOW

GOOD INCREASE

Milwaukee county. The vote on the state and county tickets, as usual in Milwaukee, ran very even. The Debs vote ran a little behind, some of the workingmen being switched over to Bryan. While a Taft wave swept the country, a Bryan wave swept Milwaukee county, and influenced a few hundreds of our sympathizers. As for the assembly districts, the same thing happened to us as to the Social-Demoeratic party of Germany two years ago. While we gained votes, we lost two seats. Assemblyman Carl D. Thompson was not re-elected, although he received 300 more votes than when he was elected two years ago. Aa for our two candidates for congress, they both made substantial gains over the Social-Democratic vote of 1906. Comrade Melms polled 803 more votes in the party. We hope our Candian friends, Fourth congressional district than he received two years ago, and Comrade Welch in the Fifth congressional district polled 2,300 more votes than in the last congressional election. That means two Social-Democratic congresmen in 1910, without fail. Winfield R. Gaylord was elected to the state senate in the sixth senatorial and the labor party has become the district. We have now four men in the Wisconsin legislature.

The returns from the state as usual come in slowly, but indicate a Waukssha county gives 650 votes for Comrade Welch, a gain of 520. Waukesha City gives Debs 781, a gain of 341. Mantiwoe county gives Debs 1,000, a gain of 313. Winnebago county gives Comrade Brown 258, a gain of 63. Superior gives Debs 567, a gain of 259. Two Rivers gives Debs 229, a gain of 81. Waupaca gives Debs 88, a gain of 61 over 1904, and 44 over 1906. 'Knox, Debs' vote 62, a gain of 50. Kiel, Debs' vote 99, a gain of 33. Other small towns report similar gains.

Milwaukee has carried on the best campaign which it has ever yet made. That it has not gained as rapidly as in for it is without it.

the fact that a good many Social-Democratic voters left town because of the hard times. Our campaign came to a climax with the three monster Debs meetings on the Friday before election, when people were turned away from all three of the halls where Debs spoke. Next week we will give a report of the amount of literature distributed and the number of meetings held. We feel that we have every reason for encouragement and that the vote we had this year is all our ownan army over 18,000 strong which cannot be seduced or terrified.

NOT AN INNOCENT ABROAD

We do not know what may be the net effect of Mr. Keir Hardie's present journeyings and negotiations in the United States and Canada. His idea seems to be to form in Canada a joint body similar to the British labor both trade unionists and socialists, will not fall into any such trap; for here the result of the union of socialists and trade unionists has been that both have lost their savor; socialists have made their socialism a minor consideration, even trade union leaders are seized of a sickly flabbiness, handmaiden of capitalist liberalism. Mr. Hardie's efforts, however well-intentioned, can only at present harm the Socialist party of Canada. We sincerely trust, however, that there is no truth in the suggestion that he wishes to unite the Gompers type of trade unionist with the Socialist party of the states. That can only harm Debs' candidature at present, and Mr. Hardie ought to be aware of the wide difference between the corrupt trade union leaders of the United States (with their colossal conceit and still more colossal ignorance) and the tame but honest trade union leaders produced here.-H. M. Hyndman in

If anyone has what he has not worked for someone who has worked Wooddale

London Justice.

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EXIT BRYAN?

Yes, from the stage of the raison d'etre of the democratic party. The economic cause for the existence of the democratic party has long ago vanished. It could only draw out a last leaf sort of existence by posing as a radical party of "reform", a sort of milk and water protest against the evils engendered by the system which plutocracy has got to adopt for its success, and which is supported politically through the domination of the republican party. But the milk and water "reform" policy was not enough to draw the people from the solid compensations of plutocracy, evils and all. Bryan was the incarnation of this "reform" though impotent idea. With him has failed the last hope of the democracy.

But Bryan as a factor and support of the capitalist economic system, the wage system, the system that must necessarily exploit and crush labor that its triumphs may live-as a part and factor of this system Bryan is still here. It is said he is slated to wear the senatorial toga. We are told that fate is also reserved for Roosevelt-that he will be the successor of Platt. So that the two men to whom is denied the presidential dias will still be rulers of the people, in the taw-making department instead of the executive department of capitalistic government; a more powerful point of leverage against the workers. For once the laws are made servile courts uphold them, and the workers have no resort of appeal from the bitterest injustice. The workers and their socialistic program of ousting the capitalists is the only remedy.

BUILD YOUR LOCALS

The great Socialist campaign of 1908 has passed into history. The fact that it has disclosed more than But after a while it will learn by the anything else is the lack of good ground work in the Socialist party. There are too many thousand mem bers of the Socialist party that do not know what they are there for. In the thoroughly democratic management of the party these individuals be- the editor's well-known belief that come personally responsible for the these names should be openly pubconduct of the party management. Having no anchor in the clear and solid perception of the proletarian the News in obedience to the express program, and what the working class must comprehend and must do in order that they make headway against existing conditions and overcome existing institutions, they are easily deflected and stampeded into a new path of the democratic party," said Debs in by any designing adventurer that his Chicago speech. This sufficiently comes along with a smooth tongee in voices the views of Socialists upon the the name of Socialism and an eye on election. whatever emoluments may be gather ed in. We shal never win a strong HOW IT WAS DONE IN GERMANY political battle till there is a strong party behind it, that is, a party composed of members who are strong. who know what they ought to do, and do it with their whole heart and woul and even then the battle is slow and struggling and halting. Look at the splendid mass work of the Milwaukee comrades. They do not play at their detail work. They perform it perseveringly, enthusiastically and intelligently. And yet with all their magnificent effort the struggle does not lighten . What then can be expected of a conglomeration of persons actuated only by some vague idea that there is balm of Gilead in Socialism? Better organizations, even if they are smaller, will accomplish more strennous work. Tackle the big subjects those memorable days. If your local is not doing good work find out what is the matter with it, and go after the difficulty courageously no matter what it may cost. If one or two individuals are a perpetual ob- 1907 congress of the German Socialist stacle they had better be sacrificed party, held in Essen, Comrade August than to have the whole local work come to naught. Persons of little or ty in the following language: no experience in the working class

akes. If possible, working men who have a personal interest in the class truggle should be looked to for the n any case it takes long and hard what to do in a crisis. Develop material for the revolution that knows what to do.

SOCIALISTS AT WORK

The executive committee came over to Helena Friday and Saturday Jacob Kruse and L. J. Duncan alone present. They found that everything else that was to be done depended on whether the party possessed a paper or not and that the only thing that was to be done was to come through with the money or the paper would go to the creditors. About \$300 was put up. This of course is a long way from paying \$1200 worth

About the only thing besides that vas done was to give instructions to the editor of the paper as to what should go in the paper, and on her taking the ground that she happened to be the official engineer at that throttle, to prefer charges against her because of the policy of publicity she as insisted was due the party in regard to its affairs, with the purpose of astalling another editor.

It has become evident by the experi-

nent of the last four years that different methods must be adopted for getting an executive board for the Montana party. The executive body, or local quorum, should have at least a majority located at headquarters so it could have a full understanding of what is going on. This board should be composed of five members, three of them at headquarters. This would give a majority to do business at any time when it was required, and two outside members who would be a safe guard over the majority at headquar-Moreover, this board, or executive committee, should be elected by the membership at large, as is done by the national organization. The national party is now nominating seven members for its executive board. If Montana conducted its work in the same way as the national organization does the locals would make nominations for the executive committee, and these would be voted on by the entire membership. Thus the state committee would be chosen by the locals, one member from each, and the executive committee would be chosen by the entire party. Thus both would be thoroughly representative bodies.

It should be remembered that the constitution now being voted on, submitted by the state committee is entirely unauthorized, and if carried will give rise to numberless complications and contests in the future. Only a party convention can make a

party constitution. The Montana party should not be discouraged by these numerous complications in which it is involved. It is grappling with problems. It is learning how to do things. It must go through this confusion and learn the right way to make order and system and get good results. The Montana party is doing things now that older and better established parties would never dream of being confused about struggle and become an efficient weapon for battering capitalism.

The list of local secretaries is discontinued this week by orders of executive committee. lished and known to all party members, and they have been printed in order of the convention as stated in its minutes.

"William Howard Taft will win and his victory will sound the death knell

Every militant Socialist throughout the civilized world knows that Germany has the strongest and best organized movement of any country; he knows that the German Socialist party polled 3,250,000 votes in 1907. in spite of the coalition of all the capitalist parties.

Few comrades are acquainted with the history of the German movement. As early os 1847 Marx and Engels laid the foundation for the Socialist party of Germany. Liebknecht joined them be of value to the movement. in their hard task immediately after the revolution, 1848. In 1862 Fer1 dinand Lassalle commenced his propaganda and organization work and Bebel joined the movement soon after

In 1871 the new German empire was founded and two Socialists were elected to the Reichstag, the national parliament of the empire. At the Bebel reviewed the history of the par-

"Comrades, let; us review the situamovement make poor leaders. They tion most carefully. We have had our are sure to make fundamental mis- victories and our defeats. Both are

necesary for the permanent success and victory of our movement. In 1877 we had reached a certain stage responsible work of the party. And in our growth; 493,000 votes, about 5.1 per cent of the total vote was Socialtraining to develop men that know istic. Then came Bismarck's anti-Socialist laws. Our vote dropped to the two arms of our movement. 437,000, our percentage to 4.8. In 1881 we had the first election under the anti-Socialist laws. Many of our agitators and distributers of literature were behind prison walls. Our vote sank to \$12,000, or 3.4 per cent. This was the lowest stage they could get us to. In 1884 we increased to 550,000 in 1887 to 763,000 and in 1890 to 1,427,000. This killed Bismarck's anti-Socialist legislation, and it killed

> 14.1 per cent of the total vote cast. In 1893 our vote increased to 1,787, 000, in 1898 to 2,197,000,in 1903 to 3, 10.00 and at the last elections we had 3,250,000 Socialist votes."

Bismarck politically too. We had

These figures given by Comrade Belel should be an eye-opener to those of our American comrades who get the dream that the Socialist vote in this country would increase from 400,000 to two milions within a period of four years. Why, that would be something unatural, unreasonable,

A Socialist vote of 759, 900 to 800. 00 would be an increase of about 100 per cent, and would be equaled only by the growth of our movement in Germany in the period of 1887-1890, the last three years of Bismarck's reign of teror.

We must begin to deal with facts, and get rid of wild speculations and political dreams. We must get rid of the Utopian chloroform and opium that is still influencing many of our well-meaning comrades and sympathizers .- St. Louis Labor.

THIS FROM A CAPITALIST CON-TEMPORARY.

The Review hasn't much use for socialism as a political expedient or as a cure-all for the ills of society. On the one hand it is too ideal; on the other it is too revolutionary in character. But we would like to re mind the socialists of Montana that they have reached a crucial stage in the existence of their party. It appears from a perusal of its columns that, because of poor support, the Montana News of Helena, state organ of the socialists, is almost on its last legs. If they allow this newspaper of theirs to pass out of existence as a political entity, The Review is willing to prophesy that disruption and disintegration will not be long delayed. The rank and file of political parties do not as a rule fully realize what they owe to their newspapers. As a matter of fact no political cause can succeed without publicity, and the party organ that stands as a constant and faithful advocate of party principles is absolutely essential to party success. It is easy enough to criticize and find fault whenever the paper's policy is not fully in accord with your views. You don't stop to consider that there are others just as honest and just as sincere as yourself who entertain diametrically opposite views to those you profess and at the same time are just as loyal as you are. The party paper is not enfunction is education. If it posseses credibility, its work will show reof effect. If it pursues a true, consistent course, never parleying with or truckling to the political enemy, it is deserving of support, and when the party refuses to accord such support it goes forth to battle courting defeat.-Dawson County Review.

WILL BE GREAT SEASON.

Intercollegiate Socialist Society Work Resumed.

The New York chapter of the Intercollegiate Socialist society is resuming its activity after the summer's rest. The lecture by John Spargo on October 1, at the Rand school, will inaugurate a most successful and fruitful year.

The best socialist lecturers will address the members and the members themselves will do a great deal of work. Lectures, debates, papers, discussions and dinners will be the order of the day. The society includes some of the ablest teachers, lawyers, reporters, editors and other professional men in the city, and their work will

Herman de Fremery, a very practical member of the society, is no longer satisfied with discussing theories of capital or concentration. "We are now in a position to do things," he says. De Fremery will conduct a special class, whose object will be to do some practical constructive work. This class promises to become a popular feature of the society.

No one who attended the dinner last February at Peck's will miss another intercollegiate dinner. It was a feast in every way. The dinners will be given again this season.

The secretary is William M. Feigenbaum, 112 East Nineteenth street.

Follow Up the Victory

(Continued from Page 1.)

weekly Socialist papers. They are

We have just closed a great campaign with a glorious victory.

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thereof belong to those who labor then there shall be peace, plenty and LEWISTOWN, MONT. prosperity.

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GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN LONDON

The British section of the Internttional Socialist Bureau, in view of the German-British war scare, invited Kantsky and Ledebour to come to England. H. M. Hyndman presided over the meeting, supported by Kier Hardie and other leading members of the British Socialist movement. The German visitors were received with great enthusiasm by their English comrades. Both of them spoke in the most positive way in opposition to a possible war. Kantsky said that capitalism feared war foday because it knew that after the war there would be the revolution. Ledebour criticized in the most scathing language the anomalies of modern patriotism. He said that the great capitalists made patriotism a disguise for fleecing the The guests were taken for lunch in the House of Commons by the National Administrative Council of the Independent Labor Party. From the gallery they witnesed the expulsion of Grayson from the House because of his championing the cause of the unemployed. At the weekly metting of the Labor Party Keir Hardie, M. P. thanked the visitors for their presence He referred to the way in which the Labor Party had been misrepresented in Germany and elsewhere, and claim ed that not only the Socialist propaganda of the I. L. P. within the Party, but the work of the Party in parliament was as revolutionary as that of any Socialist Party in the world, a remark which thoe visitors cordially

PUT NOT YOUR FAITH IN SKEP-TICS

Not many days ago we were talk ing with a man who has been honored with a position as a leader in the organized labor movement, when we were surprised to hear him express himself as disgusted with the rank and file of the working men and denounce them as a lot of incompetants and ingrates. He said that ninety per cent of them never originate an

working men to the danger of trusting the management of their affairs to man who has lost faith in the people whom he is supposed to serve.

Speaking before working men in New York not long ago Kier Hardie gaged in propagating its own ideas, or said, "Having worked in the pits of attempting to dictate party action. Its Scotland from my childhood until my 24th year, I have never seen reason to be ashamed of the class to which I sults. If it is generally distrusted and belonged or to desert its interests, disbelieved, its efforts will be barren either in trade unionism or in poli-

> This is the kind of a man the working class can trust. The man who will serve the working class faithfully is the working man who is PROUB of his class. No man will serve faithfully a class of men whom he despises. Whenever a labor leader begins to despise the class to which he belongs, when he begins to speak of them as an ignorant, beastly mob that are only fit to be exploited and ruled, when he says their brains are barren of thoughts and their souls of expression, that man is about ready to desert his class at the first opportunity he gets to sell his birthright for a mess of pettage and the sooner he accepts his price and retires to his "good job" the better for the organized labor movement. J. F. MABIE.

SOCIALIST FUNERAL GIVEN TO PIONEER OF MOVEMENT.

The funeral of O. Jorgenson, one of the oldest socialists in Illinois, was held at Peotone recently. It was a real socialist funeral. According to the wishes of the deceased a few passages from "The Age of Reason," by Thomas Paine, were read by J. O. Bentall, who also gave a brief summary of the high ideals held by this pioneer socialist and his passionate devotion to the emancipating principles of socialism.

The pallbearers wore red flags pinned to their coats with the international Socialist party button. This emblem of universal brotherhood was placed on the casket at the close of the simple service.

The people who came to the funeral stood aghast at the absence of form and ceremony. Only a few realized that a deeper and truer religious and humanitarian spirit pervaded the

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whole service than is the case where ecclesiasticism holds sway.

For many years Jorgenson was the only socialist in Peotone. From the time the first copy of "The Coming Nation," now "The Appeal to Reason," was published, he has never failed to read and distribute the paper oppressed. He knew for some time that he must soon die and said: "I but I would like to live till after elec-

I want to know how far along we are on the way to freedom." He feared no evil. "The same good He feared no evil. "The same good power," he said, "that brought me in peace into the world will take me back

A widow, two sons and three daughters remain. One of his sons is Dick Jorgenson, an active socialist of the Twenty-second ward.—Daily Socialist.

day. Our teachers want it too. They want it very badly. The Socialist Woman for November contains a strong plea to teachers by Miss Caroline Lowe, the vice president of the teachers' association of Knasas City, among his neighbors. He lived with Mo. Kiichi Kaneko contributes a daily message in his life and on his brilliant article on "What Is the Matlips in favor of the enslaved and the ter With Our Teachers?" Besides other valuable school articles there is a most heart-rending, thrilling, realisdon't mind to die-that's all right- tic story by Gertrude Hunt which alone arouses the reading public of tion to see how many votes Debs gets. this country. Now, comrades, spread this special teachers' edition among your teachers, instructors, college professors and mothers at home. See that every teacher in your community reads this issue. Yearly 50 cents. In bundles two cents each: \$2 per 100. Send your order today. The Social-ist Woman, Girard, Kans.

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Poet's Corner

OUR FREEDOM; OR, WE GET WHAT WE VOTE FOR.

We boast of our "independence," We call ourselves 'brave and free,' play out.

"My Country it is of Thee."

But when we have lost our masters. No matter how brave and stout, We must hunt around 'till another's found:

There are few who can live without.

We wonder why corporations Their servants more work deny; Yet the men who have made for the marts of trade,

More goods than their wages buy. And they who possess the surplus, Can't squander it, use nor sell; So the wheels in the mill and the shops are still,

Though we're ragged and hungry as well.

We starve for the crime of making Too much; and we humbly bow; Yet be it noted, for this we voted So why should we grumble now? We vote that our sons and brothers

Be mangled in mines and wrecks; We vote, alas, for a MASTER CLASS; And we've got them-ON OUR NECKS.

But what if the toiling masses, Grown wise by their toil and shame. Should vote en masse for the working class?

The masters for theirs the same Imagine the ballots sorted:

Ours, piled up to heaven wouuld be: But you'd have to grope with a microscope.

Or the masters' you'd never see

Say! Then would we still petition, Kneel down to the haughty dron,e To beg and plead for the laws we need.

Not much, for we'd make ouur own But what would we do with judges And drones who prefer to shirk? "God only knows" but we do suppose We'd give them some useful work.

THE HOBO

-J. E. NASH.

From a vantage position, on the hills overlooking Havre and the main tracks of travel on the G. N. R. R., I have an opportunity to see the streams of brake-beam travelers as they come and go, about evenly divided, some east, some west.

Often on my way home I stop and talk to them as they sit on the banks waiting for a handy beam to come rolling by.

They are outcasts, buffed, cursed 15, Chicago. and kicked wherever they go. Some are dulled by their own sorrows, others are sullen and combative, but they all tell the same story. Nowhere to Nowhere to sleep. Nowhere to

tell me their story; each one is different in its color and detail, but in their ending all are the same.

"Where can I get a job?"

We are prone to think these men are worthless drunken sots. But this is not so. Their main fault is ignorance of conditions in the next town: the distant city or some far away state. Somehow they believe there is still some spot on earth not gobbled up, where they can butt in and in return for their labor have shelter, respect, and such other comforts as they think is labor's due.

Their stories of how they have worked, when work was to be had, then the skin games by which they were fleeced, followed by jails and the rock pile as a finish seem unbelievable. But now when I see a police court report, stating how many culprits are on the mourner's bench, I finale. Money gone, now float or pound rock.

If a man has no money and no work, yet he is still human, but this seems to have been forgotten. Get to h-l out of here is the command of the law, you are a vagrant, a vagabond, a penniless worthless cuss, move on. And they move, they must move.

It was a cold, misty evening. A bunch of them had camped on the flat east of Havre. In the early evening from my hill shack I could see their tiny fire flickering in the wind, but the mist changed into a drizzling rain their fire grew fainter and fainter then finally disappeared.

Where did they go, where could they go.

In the morning on my way to work I passed them. They were still there. The rain had not yet ceased. Huddled under the railroad bridge they hailed me as I passed. A shivering voice called:

What do you think of this?" F. A. NYSTRUM.

Now is the time to arrange the solid winter's educational work for your local.

National

By recent referendum, Norman W. Lermond, R. D. No. 1, Thomaston, has been elected State Secretary of Maine.

Taft will now wield the big stick for And we sing and shout till our jobs the next four years and help teach the law, an eight hour day law, and a Lawrence division, and a big Socialist capitalist prosperity.

> A comrade writing from Washington, D. C., at 1 a. m., Nov. 4, the day after the election, sends a contribution of \$5.00 for the campaign of

The Chicago Daily Socialist estiat 600,960. Even so many would be a large gain. Bryan evidently got the of all the Russias. hungry vote and Debs the thinking

In the mining district of Clinton, Ind., Socialist watchers were denied admittance to the polling booth. This is the town that sent sixteen car-loads of people to the Debs meeting in Terre Haute last Monday night.

Under date of October 19 Comrades were urged to proceed as follows: "If the reported vote in any district is less than the 'known' Socialist voters, start at once to circulate a petition for the opening of the ballot box and a re-count.

Voting machines were used in Terre Haute and the official report fails to show any Socialist votes in the precinct in which Comrade Debs resides. Comrade Debs says "I voted the straight Socialist ticket and so did my brother. There were a number of men in this precinct who went into the voting place with Socialist badges on and I am sure they too, voted the Socialist ticket."

According to the meager returns of the Socialist vote it would seem that the industrial centers lost in comparison to the vote of 1904, or merely held their own, while the rural districts show considerable gains. The indications are that the vote has fallen down in Illinois, Oregon and Ohio. Substantial gains have been made in Minnesota, Nevada, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and most of the Southern states. However, the official count will be required before the total results will be known.

Dates for National Organizers and Lecturers.

J. Edward Morgan-Nov. 8, Hutchinson, Kas.; Nov. 9, Dodge City; Nov. 10 Colorado Springs, Colo

Margaret Prevey-Nov. 10, Emporia, Kan.; Nov. 11, Girard, Nov. 13, Kansas City; Nov. 14, St. Louis; Nov.

M. W. Wilkins-Nov. 8, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. Mahlon Barnes

National Secretary.

At the very close of the campaign A cheering word, a friendly smile the Socialists, wherever found, enteralways brings its return, then they tain just one opinion and that is, that regardless of the vote which may be cast, or counted, for our party, the result of the campaign will be satisfactory in the extreme. The membership roll is the test of the growth, strength of progress made by the party. The increase in dues paying members during the campaign has exceeded the total accessions during the past three years and is three times as large as the number of new members secured during the past presidential campaign

During the present year comparisons of the monthly receipts for dues and in each one gratifying results have been shown. Receipts, for dues for February show \$293.55 in excess of all previous records. Again in the month of July an increase of \$131.90 was shown above the February recknow it's in the game. This is the ord. Again in August an increase of about \$80.00 was shown over the receipts for July. The receipts for dues for the month of October, just closed, amounted to a total of \$2,717.49, or an increase of \$327.34 over the record receipts of July. Thus far this year an increase in the party membership is shown amounting to about 16,000.

> The cost of the Red Special will greatly exceed the original estimates and probably reach a total of about thirty-three thousand dollars. When the eastern trip seemed in danger a number of comrades granted loans to the national organization amounting to thirty-one hundred dollars. These loans will be repaid on or before elecction day. The amount collected on the train while in operation, added to the amounts definitely subscribed, will show a balance over the total cost. As said at the beginning, "the upon and given a chance." Monday Haute, Ind., the Socialist special train (the Red Special) passed into history. in the days to come.

Women's Clubs

Finnish Socialist Women

The women of Finland, just nineteen working class the true nature of sweatshop law, have had those laws vote is asured invalidated by the Czar and have snapped their fingers at the Czar and passed the laws again.

The women of Finland are now waiting to see what the Czar is going to do about it. They want to see who Czar of Russia or nineteen women of Finland. And it looks at this writing mates the total national Socialist vote as if the nineteen women of Finland were considerably larger than the Czar

> The Czar became frightened, after twice violating his coronation oath, and in 1905 gave to Finland its old Landtag. Now this Landtag was that fearsome thing known as the States General in France before the revolution. The constituent members were the nobility, the clergy and the commons.

> Realizing that it was too old to live, this Landtag went out of existence and established itself as a representative chamber of all the Finnish people, also the women. An election was held on March 16 and 17 and the nineteen women were elected to the new cham-

Now drunkenness has been one of the curses of Finland during; the black years when the Czar, disregarding his coronation oath, had been ruling Finland with the iron hand. Drunkeness paid money into the coffers of the Czar through his taxes; it also helped his friends the Mendelsohns, the Berlin bankers, because they were interested in the liquor trade. But drunkenness did not appeal to the nineteen women of Finland who found themselves for the first time in the history of their country, lawmakers. They did not care particularly about the coffers of the Czar or the money chests of the vodka merchants of Berlin and St. Petersburg. But they did care for the manhood of

They showed in that first chamber that they cared. They stood out uncompromisingly against every proposed law, until the other clements in the chamber would consent to abolish the They turned their votes to the Socialists, agreeing to the eight-hour law for which they had always fought and in return the eighty Socialists stood like a rock for prohibition. The result was that universal hour law and a few other delicacies were handed to the Czar on a silver platter.

Czar saw destruction to the Reaction was strong in Russia at that time and the Czar counted on a cham- petus to the organization of the workber which would emulate his third ers duma and eat out of his hand. But the nineteen women came back to that next chamber and with them came twelve additional Socialists and the the prohibition of the chief of police, Socialsts and the nineteen women, making a majority of the chamber. made it their first business to repass the prohibition law, the universal suf- street gatherings and in every gatherfrage law, the eight hour and the workers' law and send them back government were denounced. again to the Czar.

Thus the nineteen women of Finland truction of the vitality of their race. to every evil that cursed Finland under Czarism for the past three cenlaws go into effect when passed. Finland is still without liquor and the thugs are allowed to escape. coffers of the Czar and the Berlin lquor dealers are without shekels, thanks to the energy, determination. and sound sense and courage of nineteen women of Finland.

Let the Socialists of the world hail he women of Finland.

The women of Cleveland put a voting booth in the city square, and hundreds of them voted on election day. This may be the means by which women will finally come to be looked upon as full-fledged human beings. When it is seen that they perform for stopping all assembly of persons all the functions of voting except hav- for political propoganda for the presing the vote counted, the absurdities ent. will become palpably apparent. The every woman suffrage and socialist organization.

The starving Japanese have watched with hungry eyes the million of money consumed to welcome the American fleet. While the American fleet was in Japan there was the greatest demonstration of welcome ever accorded a visiting fleet in any Socialists will do big things if called nation in the world. School children conflicts with the police, who forcibly were trained for weeks beforehand in evening, Nov. 2, after delivering Com- the singing of English songs. Japan later had been unable to gain admisrade Debs into his home city, Terre has felt the world-wide panic even sion to the metting. A large numworse than America or Belgium. The lean and hungry faces watched the that the demonstrators would march All agree that its echoes will be heard red fire purchased with millions en- on the royal castle, the police cut off viously.

International

Montreal Socialists Active.

Montrea t. 20.-An active camof them, in the Finnish chamber, as- paign is being waged by A. Saint Marsisted by the Socialists, have carried a tin. Socialist party candidate for the universal suffrage law, a prohibition Dominion Parliament from the St.

> The party organization is becoming very strong and the liberals and conservatives are evidently frightened by

the growth of the Socialist sentiment. The election will take place next Monday and will mark the close of a is larger on the political horizon, the campaign of villification on the part of the old parties.

Another French Outrage

Paris, Oct. 26 .- The latest journalist to be prosecuted for attacks on militarism is M. H. Martini, a writer on Herve's weekly paper, "La Guerre Sociale."

Martini is the author of one of the most revolutionary articles of the symposium on "What to Do in Case War is Declared," for the publication of which the business manager of "La Guerre Sociale" has already been imprisoned pending a hearing.

The Socialist deputies of the federation of labor are aroused and declare that they will oppose the government's action to the utmost.

Free Speech in Hungary.

The Hungarian Socialists have no reason to venerate their government or to see the dual monarchy hold sway in Bosnia or Herzegovina. They have been sadly tricked in the matter of universal suffrage, and last Thursday they held protest mettings in 21 dif-

ferent places at Budapesth. About nine o'clock a great crowd gathered in the Rue Andrassy for a peaceful demonstration. Immediately and without provocation they were charged by a big force of police. Revolver shots were fired by the crowd, and the police willingly replied. At the end a great number of Socialists lay wounded on the streets, and a great number more were escorted by the police to a prison cell.

In Porto Rico.

The political campaign is in full swing all over the island and all the parties are anticipating victory.

The "Federacion Libre." the Porto Rican organization of the American Federation of Labor, has a full ticket in the field and is conducting its campaign along genuine Socialist lines. The "Union Obera," the labor party's daily paper, is filled with Socialist articles and everything points to a great suffrage, prohibition, and an eight awakening of class consciousness among the native workers.

The strike of the plantation laborers of the Arecibo district is still on and strong box if the Fins quit going on a by the help received from the Washdrunk. He promptly dissolved the ington headquarters of the A. F. of L. chamber and ordered a new election. The successful strike of the cigarmakers of Caguas has also given an im-

Hungary

Buda Pesth, Hungary-In spite of which forbade all street gatherings or speeches on street corners, the Socialists in one night held twenty-one ing the high-handed tactics of the

It is claimed by the Socialists that the pretense under which the police are standing in the breach between are forbidding Socialist meetings, even slavery to drink, to poverty, to des- in halls in either Buda or Pesth, is merely a trumped up charge, that the police have hired thugs to go into Socialist metings carrying revolvers. utries. And meantime, since the sticks and other weapons and that when the whole meting is raided these

Some time ago the authorities forbade all Socialist meetings of any nacertain Socialists were carying concealed weapons or sticks. Since that time the police have broken up a number of meetings, both in halls and ings the thugs in the employ of the authorities started to shoot up the meeting, which was immediately raided. Some of the shots went fair and several Socialists were wounded.

This raid has been made an excuse

The universal activity of the police Cleveland plan is recommended to is regarded as only one of the methods of the government adopted to defeat the demand for universal suffrage, which all Socialists and workmen's organizations are demanding

Police Rout 10,000 Germans

Berlin-A mass meeting of Social Democrats, held to protest against the treatment of the Socialist minority in the Prussian diet, resulted in many dispersed 10,000 Socialists after the ber of arrests were made, and, fearing the streets and bridges leading thither.

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Comrades who have the cause of purpose of putting the Montana News cations of this country will note the following:

manager, Nov. 6, 1908. This publication is the begining of my connection with the Montana News. If I am to continue in your service it is up to me to show results. This can only be accomplished by "Co-operation," determined, active "Co-operation," animated by a spirit of 'Comradeship" on the part of every one of us who wish to see the Socialist movement progress and efficiency on the part of your manager. I promise that I shall do my part. You show that you will do yours. There are still considerable debts hanging over the Montana News which must be met soner or We are honor bound to pay our debts, whether the Montana News lives or dies. The great majority of comrades want to see it live and some have responded courageously and generously. Since last week's issue of the Montana News the following have enlisted in our "Promoters Club and sent

Butte local..... \$100.00 Great Falls local 38.00 Fridley local (per Mrs. E. N. Wells) 50.00

Ovando (per Mrs. Chas. Downhour)..... Con McHugh, Butte..... H. S. Davis, Butte..... C. N. Parr, Butte..... A. B. Clinch, Butte..... H. Van Horn, Butte..... Mr. Jared, Butte..... Mr. Rasmussen, Butte..... L. J. Duncan, Butte,..... John Peura, Butte...... 1.00 Fred Fabert, Stark

Chas. Chelston, Ovando.....

We MUST pay off some of our pressnot continually be a burden on the

Xmas. Details as to conditions to capitalist class. win a prize are given on page 3.

Now, all together and victory is

Local Helena assessed each member \$1.00 to help the Montana News.

Local Kalispell comes to the front with two new subs for the News.

Iven Wulff and Joe Gleason of Helena come in as new subscribers for the News.

Comrade Eva M. Wells of Fridley sends an order for job work and one new subscriber.

Comrade Winterrowd of Great Falls sends moneyorder for \$6.00 in payment of job work.

Guy Miller of Local Union No. 2700, U. M. W. of A., Crosby, Wyo., sends \$5.50 in payment for job work.

Comrade W. E. Berne of Columbia Falls, Mont., sends one dollar as a new subscriber to the News and states that "he, like many more Bryan democrats, is now and forevermore

Helena, Mont., Nov. 7, 1908. To the Comrades and Locals of the Socialist Party of Montana:

Greeting:-As this issue of the Montana News goes to press, the State Cabinet is in session and has installed Comrade A. W. Harrack as manager of the paper. We have received, prior to our meeting, something less than \$300 to be applied on the paper's indebtedness, and we have turned the same over to the new manager, to be disbursed according to his judgment. To put the paper in good working condition, the manager should have \$1,000 more at least and right away, and we hope the comrades will rise to this necessity and make this effort to get the business end of the paper in good shape. We can accomplish this now if we all pull together. Let us raise this money before the end of November.

LEWIS J. DUNCAN, JACOB M. KRUSE.

PRODUCTION

Proposition (a): Production under the present system is for profit, and not for use, the use of the thing produced being a secondary consider-

That the above statement is true is apparent to even the dullest o minds. Can you think of any good reason for instance, why an article of food should be adulterated? Did you ever notice an article of clothing that was made of the cheapest of shoddy or a piece of furniture mad of cull lumber? Is this not because the manufacture can make a little more profit than he could had he used the genuine article? I thinl you will agree with me on this score Proposition (b): Profit is the difference between the cost of producing and distributing and the selling price: and signifies that the worker received only a small portion of the value of tries. his product.

This proposition is a little narder. The workingman who produces an article, or rather the set of workingmen who produce an article receive a portion of the value of their product in wages-but only a portion-Uncle Sam says it is about 17 per cent. Is the rest all profit? No. Besides the profit of the capitalist in whose factory the article is made, rent and men's profits enter in, but neverthewho received it did no useful work as an equivalent. Do you see where I commence in this issue a \$150.00 YOU get off on a deal like this? The

> Proposition (c): Profits are not made unless goods are sold. The workers, who only receive part of the

value of their products in wages, cannot buy it all; therefore foreign markets must be secured or overproduction and a consequent panic oc-

Read that over twice Profits are not made unless good sold. It would not make any difference if the workers created enough to last them a million years, if the boss could not sell the products he could not make profits and consequently the products would be of no value to him. He wasn't worried very much, when you were making these things, as to whether YOU would get YOUR share of them or not-that is, it was not your personal interests he was looking after. But he was worried pretty much about selling them to someone. Now, suppose you produced an article that sold for \$1 and you got seventeen cents for making it (this is the average percentage). Don't you see you would have to produce six of them before you could buy one for yourself? Who would buy the other five? Well, that's the all-consuming question.

For many years, about half of the workingmen in the United States were producing things and the other half were building factories, machinery railroads, etc. But this work is almost finished; and the result is, most of them are producing things, and producing them in such large quantities that "we" (meaning our capitalist friends), have to pick fights with foreign nations and force them to buy the surplus. At any rate the goods have to be sold somewhere else-the workingmen here cannot buy them. Every ten years or so a panic takes place-the market is glutted. Then have produced too much food-to fuel: and a great many other wonderful things occur. It usually takes three or four years for the country to get over the panie; then everybody starts all over again and the same old game is played.

Proposition (d): All civilized na tions are capitalistic nations and hence subject to the same conditions. This accounts for the repeated wars of conquest upon the partially civilized nations

I think that statement is plain enough. By a slight glance over the daily papers you will notice that Germany. England. France and others are all in about the same boat as the United States. All are striving for foreign markets.

Proposition (c): Foreign markets being exhausted, overproduction will bring upon the capitalist countries a cessation of business, and capitalism will fall.

Now, I presume you have followed my logic pretty carefully.

First, I proved to you that the capitalists were in business for profit, not

Second, I showed you that the worker only gets 17 per cent of his product (see Census Bulletin No. 150). Third, that goods not sold in this country must be sold to foreign coun-

Fourth, that all civilized countries

are in the same straits. Now, I want you to think carefully. What would happen if the foreign markets should become exhausted? Perhaps you think this is impossible. To say the least there is a limit to them, isn't there? But to get right down to hard facts, every capitalist nation is much worried over this sublect. They are all willing to slaughter interest, advertising and several other millions of you poor fools as well as millions of other fellows in order to less a large portion of it is either rent. get foreign possessions or colonies. See them scramble after China, the In a position to have a paper that will what name it is known, the person Philippines, Cuba, etc., etc. Doesn't this make it very plain to you that arrive no one can say; but that it is very close at hand, no one can deny. When foreign markets are exhausted, will fall. What can prevent it? Nothing-nothing under the sun can prevent capitalism from falling. And there is only one thing that can prevent you poor fellows who create all the wealth from starving to death, and that is Socialism. If it comes to a show-down, I rather think you will choose Socialism before you will starve. How about it?-William H. Leffingwell.

SOCIALISTS IN BRITISH PARLIA-MENT WARNS RULERS OF FUTURE

London - Great excitement was caused in the house of commons when James Keir Hardie the Socialist member from Merthyer Tydfil, passionately declared that if the worst came to the worst he would go among the suffering people, taking the responsibility for the advice he would give them. The country, he said, must be shocked out of its legarthy.

The Farmer's leaflet recently issued to the National Office was an adaptaby the National Office was an adaptation of a leaflet first issued by the Socialist State Committee of Maine. In its original form it was about twice the length of the present document, and the Comrades of Maine report that it was used with good effect in the farming communities in that state.

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When the constitution was adopted some eighteen years ago this was a \$3.50 and \$4.00 DRESS stock-raising state with a few sparsely settled villages. The idea then prevalent was that all aldermen were grafters and the less self-government cities had, the less aldermen would graft.

With a good initiative and referendum law-as far as municipalities are concerned-now on the statutes there is little danger of graft if the people will only pay attention to the affairs of local government.

The state owns lands containing large deposits of pottery clay, coal and minerals fit for manufacturing cement. We don't have to take these from the capitalists by purchase or otherwise. all we have to do is to develop them. yet with our constitution as it is these rich deposits can be gobbled up by corporations. The state owns a few coal mines which are leased on the royalty system, as the state laws will not allow as to operate them. There are many reasons from a socialist standpoint why we should have a con-

stitutional convention. It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when the Socialist party will be able to sustain a student doing research work at the state capitol and making known the facts to the people. showing the great opportunities before us for constructive work for socialism in Montana

Socialists in the various cities of Montana should become active and The Leading Photographer, for strengthen their organization. There are a number of valuable franchises to be asked for, as well as a number expiring in the next year or two, commencing with Livingston next summer. With a number of intelligent, aggressive Socialist aldermen in office backed by strong local organizations we would be in a position to show the people that we can do something besides talk. The franchise question will make exceedingly lively times in a number of cities in the next two

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