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An Answer to a Popular Objection to Socialism.

A MISCONCEPTION OF THE TERM

What Is Urged As an Objection to So-cialism Seen to Be a Powerful Force Working for Its Accomplishment—Is Merely Another Phrase of Class Rule— Exhibition of the Way Society Is Ruled.

amongst the various objections to soclalism, we none more frequently urged, than that the realization of the socialist ideal finds an impassible barrier in what is called "human nature." This objection, when delivered as a positive statement, is often very effective with those who are in the habit of accepting opinions with little or no inquiry.

Were the objector asked what idea "human nature" represented to him, it is not probable that he could give any concise definition of his conception, but perceived that the "human nature" brought forward, is merely a reliex of the individuality of the objector. To him all human nature is unconsciously centered in his own personality, and it is solely from that view point that he regards it. It is not so much a misconception of socialism upon the part of the objector, as a misconception of the "human nature" that he is apparently so familiar with, and which he identifies almost completely with his own in-dividuality, and perhaps in a lesser degree with his class.

Perhaps the only exception to the above is when this objection comes from the mouth of the wage earner, who although suffering keenly from the evils of the system of capitalistic production, is yet unable to grasp the truths of the socialist philosophy, and brings forward the "human nature" argument as a final defence against the logic which has beaten down all other objections. Behind this vague and indefinite quantity he feels secure, unconsciously supposing that his antagonist is equally in thedark with himself. "Human nature" is certainly a "blessed word" for the anti-socialist workingman, who repeats it, partly because he has heard or read that the "better classes" use it against socialism, and partly that it is a legacy from the theological doctrine of "total deprav-ity," which has generated so many ity," which has generated so many stock phrases anent "poor," "weak" and "corrupt" human nature. It is curious also to observe that many who regret the superstition of theology in this respect, still obstinately cling to the parallel economic superstition, never for a moment suspecting that both are but the obverse and reverse of the same medal. The inconsistent position of the bourgeois thinker" who fondly imagines that he has emancipated himself from the meshes of priestcraft, and who still propounds the "human nature" theory, as a barrier against socialist logic, is merely one of the innumerable minor contradictions engendered by a wornout economic system.

But those who instinctively recognize that their class interests would be en-dangered by the accomplishment of the socialist ideal, always look upon "hu-man nature" as embodied in themselves argument means something like the following: "I am tolerably secure at present, and fairly content; why then can not all others be the same? In this un certain world where I have managed to change would most likely be detrimental to my interests. Therefore my any such change . As this "human nature" is the only one I can recognize, it therefore follows that it is opposed to

The statement of Marx "that the ruling ideas of every age have ever been

thoroughly applicable here. The pulpit of the present day, which is one of the most effective bulwarks of inherent wickedness and impotency of emn stupidity whether a "corrupt tree can bring forth good fruit." sentlemen the corruption of the tree is a thing uncaused. It would be implous to suggest that soil, climate, atmosand general surroundings migh

have some bearings upon this matter. That' 'human nature" is a reflex of ftr surroundings and environment, that its goodness or evil, purity or corrupmined by those conditions, is theoreti-cally recognized to the full in the scientific world, and the unconscious recog-nition of this truth can be traced in Feneral in all human actions. The training and education of the young, ings, every similar action which tends

bears testimony to the truth of this dictum of science. All this can be expressed shortly in the statement, that self preservation is the first law of and this holds good from human nature to that of the simplest living organism. In the world of life there is constant endeavor to preserve existence and perpetuate the species, adaptation to the surroundings, and endeavor to change them, when found

This can be exemplified by a study of the phases of the growth of the somovement throughout world, by the many years of clarifying processes which it has undergone, by the constant accession to its ranks of the proletariat of all countries, who are fast coming to understad their common interests as against those of the spite of coercion, persecution, murder, and every form of suppression that class government could devise or inflict, this movement has grown to such enormous proportions that the ruling classes of Europe live in hourly dread of the coming of the Social Revolution, which is its aim and object. The "spectre" of 1847 has become the living reality of the closing years of the century. It is compelling the pulpit and the press to revise their ideas of "human nature" and discover the flaws in their former reasoning, and yet it is but an example of human nature

whereof it has been twice necessary to the former reasoning, and yet it is but an example of human nature objecting the common law of all life— oself preservation.

When the significance of these facts is brought before the "human nature" objector, they constitute an unanswerable argument, and utterly reverse the position he assumes.

Let us now look at society as a present constituted. We have one class, by far the most powerful numerically, and the produce all the commodities that sustain and enrich human life, who are at the same time deprived of the average necessaries and enjoyments of life, and to whom the securing of even the barset subsistence becomes ever more precarious. This ever increasing class begins to understands the causes of this deprivation, and with their numerical power, and the possibility of changing the surroundings and environment, or which is the same thing, the mode of production and distribution, by using the power of which they are becoming conscious. What will be the outcome of this situation? It can only end in the triumph of socialism, and whay? Because self preservation is the first law of nature. It will now be apparent that this objection becomes a boomerang to those who so confidently use it against socialism, and that it is not only untrue, but that it is exact opposite is the fact. If the "changing of human nature" that our opponents speak of, could possibly take place, socialism would be impossible. But it will triumph precisely because "human nature" it has a provened and approved of said riches of the remaining in the service of their respective grown of the provent which the country any interpretate man. One of their befight remains in a greement not to marry any interpretate man. One of their befight remains of the country and interpretation to many any interpretation to more of the service of their respective grown and the country any interpretation to make the provided in the provided in the respective grown and the country any interpretation of the provided in the p

temperate man. One of their bright remarks credited to one of these very "intelligent" leaders of moral thought:

"In what is known as the 'four hundred,' this rule would be especially effective. Let our society young women not only refuse their lips to any young man not a total abstainer, but decline to receive him as well, and they would sound the death-knell of the saloon."

We command the above to the New

We commend the above to the New York "four hundred," especially to Mayor Jones' friend, Perry Belmont, and his drunken paramour. seem as if anyone who had anything better than saw dust in his head would realize that under present conditions marrige for the great majority of th women of the laboring class must be simply an economic transactionmeans to secure a "home." There are practically but three alternatives ofsires to live and who has not the good fortune to be born an owner of wage daves. She can herself enter the labor market, and selling her labor power and herself with it become like the other laborers, a wage-slave, or she may sell her body into prostitution, or finally, she may become the slave of one man through marriage. This is not saying there are no marriages for love, but simply that the economic motive must be the ruling one. With the capitalist class the keeping up of a certain set of traditions and customs demands that the girls be sold to certain "eligible" parties who are able to exchange titles for wealth or vice versa Here as elsewhere if we are to strike at the root of a social evil we must begin on the economic basis.

kle was again arrested for speaking on the streets of Chicago. His trial has not yet occurred so it is impossible to that we will win in the end whatever wares may be dealt out by the justice hops of capitalism at this particular

Are you going to send in a club to very little hustle. Write for supplies and get to we -

AN AMERICAN SITUATION

Official Proclamation of An Appeal for Help Wage-slavery in America. Strikers.

CLASS-CONSCIOUS POSITION OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF UNION

How Capitalism Uses Its Official Instruments to Enforce the Servitude of La-bor-One of the Ways in Which the Developed Industry Crushes Trades Unions-Expression of Class Interests.

Facsimile of proclamation issued in hoshone county, Idaho.) PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The following notice has been served upon the mine-owners of Shoshone County by the duly consti-tuted State authorities, by whom mar-tial law has been declared, to wit:

"To the Mine-owners of Shoshone County; "Certain Organizations or Combina-

"Certain Organizations or Combina-tions existing in Shoshone County have shown themselves to be criminal in purpose inciting and, as organizations, procuring property to be destroyed, and murders to be committed, by reason whereof it has been twice necessary to declare martial law in Shoshone County. declare martial law in Shoshone County; "You are therefore notified that the

Dated this day of 1899. The application which non-union men must sign is as follows:

Application for leave to seek employ-ment in the mines of Shoshone

To Dr. Hugh France, State Representa-

Dated this......day of........1899.

Do you not think that 100 copies of The Workers' Call coming to your town every week would help your cause along? You can have them with but a

From the Wardner

A Story of Oppression, Greed and Horrible Abuse by the Tools of the Standard Oil Company Beastly Conditions of Imprisonment No Recognition of Class Rule or the Class Struggle.

To the Members and Friends of Organ-ized Labor who are Rattling for the Perpetuation of Human Rights assist the Tyranny and Oppres-sion of Combined Greed:

A crisis is upon us which appears to every individual who believes in justice and equality to all human beings.

At Wardner, Idahu, on April 24, the employes of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining Company, the property of the Standard Oil Trust, demanded the prevailing wages of the district for underground men. \$3.50 per day.

This demand was ignored by the manager, who refused to talk to the committee that waited upon him, further than to say that every man who took part in asking for the prevailing wages of the district would be discharged.

For three years previous to the above date this company paid underground employes \$2.50 per day, which was \$1 per day less than paid in the district, and refused to employ union labor, and discharged every man who joined the union.

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During those three years the company, with the assistance of the governor, maintained two militia companies for the purpose of operating its property with non-union men, and at a less cost than other mines in the district.

On April 29 the concentrator of this corporation, valued at \$52,000 by the manager of the company before the Board of Equalization—but his newspaper valuation is \$300,000—was destroyed by an explosion.

Three days afterward Governor Steunenberg compled with the request of the Standard Oil Trust, and declared martial law in the county.

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General Merriam was dispatched to Wardner in command of 800 colored solders, and immediately began to enforce the ediet of his master, John D. Rockefeller, and began to arrest members of organized labor in the county—among them the sherift and two memebers of the Board of County Commissioner; and threatened the season attorney with arrest if he attempted to offer a protest against the high-handed outrages of the lackies of the Standard Oil Company appointed by Governor Steunenbers.

Steunenberg.
Within twenty-four hours after the within twenty-tour hours after the troops arrived 700 men were arrested and placed in a barn unfit for habitation, and not allowed cutside for thirty-six hours.

This outrageous treatment was and is so severe that four deaths have occurred, and nearly all the prisoners are ill, and many more deaths will occur, under such persecution.

mit authorizing the same. Such permits will be desposited in mine-owner's so severe that four deaths have occurred, and nearly all the prisoners are so such extended to procure within ten days from this date the permits above referred to as a condition to their remaining in the service of their respective companies.

By order of the Governor and Commander in Chief, Bartiett Sinclair, Examined and approved: H. C. Merriam, Brig. Gen., U. S. Army.

Date May Sth. 1899.

The application for permits to seek employment which union must sign is as follows:

Applications for leave to seek employment in the mines of Shoshone County. To Dr. Hugh France, State representative:

Sir-I hereby make application for issuance to me of a permit allowing for its me to seek employment in the mines of Shoshone County.

I am a ... by occupation.

I am a native of ... and am a ... title of the United States.

I last worked at the ... mine, in the mines of the United States.

I last worked at the ... mine, in the mines of the United States.

I did not participate, actively or otherwise, in the riots which took place at Wardner on the 29th of April, 1899.

Belleving that the crimes committed at Wardner on said date were actively incited, encouraged and perpenhy and by means of the influence and direction of the niners and the contract of the courty of the Standard Oil Company and by means of the influence and direction of the niners and the courty of the Standard Oil Company and issued the at the courty of the Standard Oil Company and issued the at the courty of the

would sign it were it to insure him his liberty.

We rejoice at this shining example of true manhood displayed in the face of death suffering and persecution. While such true, noble men yet live there are bright hopes for the future of organized labor.

The Standard Oil Cempany have retained the best legal talent in the land to convict every member of organized labor in Shoshone County and destroy the various local unions.

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To offset this we must meet them with as good counsel, and insure these noble men an impartial triat.

While they are held prisoners their families must be provided for, and in order to do this it will be necessary for all lovers of justice to aid them morally and financially.

We earnestly appeal to organized labor everywhere to take up a subscription immediately, and raise a fund for the defense of those brave men incarcerated by the Standard Oil Company and the maintenance of their families. If every member of organized labor will contribute one day's work to this fund, and get their friends to do likewise, we will be able to give those noble men and their families the protection they deserve.

We expessive hope that every local

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battle against greed, arrogance and oppression.

Act hastily and show them that we will not desert them in their fight for organized labor and justice.

Send all money to James Maher, Secterny-Treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, Box 672, Butte, Montana, or M. J. Geiger, Secretary-Treasurer western Labor Union, Box 690, Butte, Montana.

Ed Boyce.

President W. F. of M.
Daniel McDonald,
President W. L. U.

The above documents are more elo quently illustrative of American conditions than anything that has occurred these many years. In all its details the story is typical of America. It could have occurred only in America. In no other land is capitalism found in such hellish purity. Nowhere else coul i cap italism create such a hades without meeting greater resistance from those it crushed. Only in America is the rule of capitalism so absolute and irrespon-sible that it would dare to use its government with such autocratic reckless. in no other land would such action go without a telling rebuke at the hands of the entire laboring class. In but the European comrades. Not only is very few lands of the present time this true but the force of capitalist would the laborers have found themselves without a voice in the balls of legislation to make their protests audihie. Finally, only in a land dominated sbroad, although by this action they by "pure and simpledom" in the field are cutting the throats of their masters. of labor could such an appeal be uttered, as the first of the above docu-ments sends out. While in Germany the emperor is soundly rebuked and defeated in his attempt to enact a law that would not make possible half as bad a condition as is here actually in existence; while in France a united proletariat is making and unmaking istshave been demanding universal and ministries in the struggle for labor, and equal sufferage. This the government while Belgium's class-conscious workers are on the eve of a tremendous victorn the free American "rulers" are merely begging for crumbs to sustain It may be replied that this is a pres-

ent crisis where immediate aid is nec essary, and there is no time for distant theorizing. No one denies the present need, but this would be told with ten-fold emphasis were it backed up by a consistent political programme. On the negative side the statement is fairly clear as to the political nature of the struggle, and it abuses the officials and incidentally the political parties back

But not a word to tell the leborers that they are themselves responsible for the condition in which they find themselves -that it was their votes that elected to office those who are now directing the guns that murder them; and most significant of all, there is not a syllable that says to the sufferers at Wardner that their condition is but an aggravated case of a disease from which the entire laboring class of America is suffering, and that their only hope of perclass at the polls under the class-con-scious banner of the S. L. P. to wrest the political power from the hands of their masters.

We hope that the above appeal for help may meet with a liberal response May the resources at the disposal of the suffering miners at Wardner be as adequate as the laborers of America can provide. But may they also be forced to realize the ridiculous futility of engaging in a fight when all the rules of the game are made by the eremy, and have the truth forced upon them that only in the field of class-conscious politics can a lasting victory be gained

TRADES UNIONS.

How the Progress of Industrial Evolu-tion Affects the Economic Struction

eral strong unions in this industry yet it would probably be safe to say that there will be but few union men engaged in it within the course of another year. Already there are signs of the coming storm. The Joliet mills have been closed down that the workers may be more hungry and therefore more tractable, and the same is true in various other smaller plants. Meantime there is a strike on at Homestead which 'threatens to spread." Now it will be a very simple job to play the different the smaller ones are subdued and then to begin on the main plant at South Chicago. The workers are absolutely helpless. If the world does not wint Rockefeller's steel they can go without but they cannot make any for them selves. If the laborers do not want to work at his terms they can starve; there is no other employer in those lines. But such facts as these are powerful educators to show that the only hope of relief for labor lies in po-

FOREIGN

The Noble Fight Being Made by the Comrades Abroad.

BELGIAN AND GERMAN SITUATION

Strange Dilemma in Which the Capitalist Class of Belgium Find Themselves in the Face of the Advancing Wave o Socialism Protests by German Social-ists Against Oppression.

Conditions have now proceeded so far in Europe that the "conspiracy of siin the American press can no longer be maintained. For years every item of news regarding the socialist movement has been suppressed or dis-torted. Today the foreign news of the complete reports of the movement

And what a panorama is going on there. A week ago France occupied the front of the stage, and although the French comrades are still doing nobly, the front place in importance must to-day be given to Belgium. Here it would seem as if the social revolution were on the eve of accomplishment. The socialhas refused to grant and has attempted forcible repression of the socialist agi-tation. But so thoroughly have the proletariat of Belgium been imbued with the doctrine of the solidarity of the laboring class that the guardsmen of Brussels after having been engaged in "quelling a riot," upon being dia-banded marched in a body to the so-cialist meeting. Under these conditions "repression" is a little different than what it is in Idaho for instance. The predicament of the government is thus stated by the Associated Press dis-

'The government is on one side threatened with a revolution which may sweep away the monarchy, while on the other hand universal sufferage is liable to result in the return of such a large socialist and Republican majority in the Chamber that the monarchy will be equally threatened."

Here it seems like a case of "heads

e win and tails you lose" from the ocialist point of view.

In Germany the comrades are protesting with vigor against the the actions of the courts in rendering different judgments against socialists than are given for the same offences to other persons. This accusation of partiality was first made by the Berliner Vorwarerts, and when Editor Jacoby was arrested by the authorities he offered prove his accusations, and submitted the following instances in evidence:

"In one case the police began proceedings against a man who, without securing police permission in accordance with a regulation of the police president, undertook to make a collection of Social Democratic party funds. The matter went to the supreme court, where the appeal of the defendant was dismissed. The decision said in part; "The efforts of the Social Democrats are notoriously directed toward undermining the monarchial form of government in Sayony and other German states. In this case the collection was for the purpose of supporting the Social Democratic party. Consequently the proceedings against the man responsible for it were just and proper."

tion Affects the Economic Struggle.

There is one peculiarity of the Rockefeller holdings that is of interest to the laboring class today and is typical, as is the most of what this gentleman does, of the final developement of capitalism. THERE ARE FEW OR NO TRADES UNIONS AMONG THE ROCKEFELLER EMPLOYES. He never takes hold of an industry until its at the point where it can be monopolized, and the monopoly does not need trades unions. He therefore proceeds to crush them out with ruthless hand. The Wardner incident is a case in point but there are hosts of others. This is especially of interest just now when the steel industry has fallen beneath his control. At present there are several strong unions in this industry yet twould probably be safe to gay that it would probably be safe to gay that

danger to public order and peace, when the aim of the collection is considered."

"In other cases Social Democratic pariy workers were punished for distributing printed matter during election times, though it was shown they followed the usual custom and proceeded in precisely the same manner as workers for other parties. The Saxon court said the contents of the printed matter made the difference.

"The Prussian Minister of Education in August, 1898, issued a rescript' declaring that as Social Democrats were not recognized as worthy of appointment to positions of authority, the election of the Social Democrat, Singer, as a member of the school commission was not permissible. The Berlin 'magistrate,' or executive, was directed to withhold its approval of the election which had taken place in the Berlin Assembly two months before."

As a result of this evidence Comrade

As a result of this evidence Comrade Jacoby was acquitted, and the whole matter became simply first class propa-

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DESTRUCTIVE OR CONSTRUCTIVE.

One of the old stock objections to socialism is that it is destructive, not constructive. This is generally raised and who want something right off. If It were confined to this class there would be little use in troubling to discuss the matter, as they are generally hopelessly muddled economically and the only thing that will affect them is a crack on the head from an eco nomic club. This class, who make up the "step by step" reformers, or the social "meddler" class are so thoroughly imbued with a little narrow small-capitalist class-consciousnes that nothing short of a political and economic earthquake would ever shake them out of their position.

confined to this class. Many of our own members offer the same objection. They become dissatisfied with the apparently slow progress of the S. L. P., and demand that it take up specifimeasures and cease attacking the work that others are doing. They declare that we should be able to define our position on particular issues and that we should have some definite thing to put before the people that we proposed to do immediately.

But unfortunately this position is not

Let us then examine this position closely and ascertain if there is a point here which we should adopt, or if the position taken at present by the S. L. P., and the international socialists of the world is indicative of a weakness in their philosophy. Since it is the critics. be "constructive" it is not too much to demand of them that they apply their own philosophy and give us a "constructive" criticism of what they want. We believe we are safe in saying that we speak the sentiment of the S. L. P. when we say that it would gladly take up any suggestion as to an immediate program that could be shown to be in direct conformity with the socialist philosophy, and an actual step toward the co-operative commonwealth. But we have a right to demand that before they again criticise the S. L. P. becausof its lack of constructiveness, that they propose some measure that will be an actual benefit to the laboring class immediately and a step toward the further emancipation of that class. and finally that will be of such a character that its discussion and adoption will not take so much time that it will actually delay the economic and political revolution. If such a measure is suggested we feel that the socialists will eagerly seize it. We are fully aliv to the strategic value such a position would give them in comparison with the reform parties, and it is no ironclad theory of impractical dreams that keeps them from putting such propogitions to the foreground.

But when asked for such a proposieither fall flat or clae they advocate some one of the multitude of middle-

for society. It is the fellows who are whether the first step will be the emgathering in secret session at Buffalo ployment of the unemployed at produc that are frightened because the country live labor, no human being not endowed can give it a dose of their patent medicine. The proletarian, knowing that position we are in accord with truth thieves, sees nothing in these new de- obliged to go. This position may or velopments to frighten him. His con- may not appear strategically strong, it dition has always been as pressing as life and death. Recent events could of people, it may be either constructive make it no worse.

constructive as applied to social mov- far known, that must suffice for those ments. We are to-day in a transition who would be faithful to the truth. that the same is true at any time, we are in a period of more than ordinarily entered into socialism. The new social to thirty, such meetings every week all form lies within the old. Socialism lies marble. Now the work of a sculptor does not lie in carving a beautiful foot on one corner and a delicate hand on the other of the rough block. He must instead, with mallet and chisel, tear dream that lay within his brain may be discovered in the heart of the marble. But if one of our immediate social reformers should come along at this will be in the future as the socialists point and apply his social philosophy to the sculptor's work, he would demand that the artist pause and carve an ornamental tracery across the face of the rough block in order that it might be more pleasing to the eye as the work went on. What difference to our reform critic, that such action might forever mar the beauty while it hindered the completion of the final conception. His own short-sighted personal taste must be gratified though the whole work suffer. So today the social worker who insists on tearing away the debris of capitalism to give freedom to imprisoned labor beneath is accused of being destructive because he does not stop to draw pictures on its agents. We take the following from the rubbish he is removing or does not plie it in artistic heaps.

To drop the figure and approach this question from another point of view. We are today living under capitalism. The capitalist class is the ruling class. They have control of all the means of social government. They make the laws, appoint the judges and enforce their decisions, and all this is done (as of their class. But so long as this is true, it is folly to offer suggestions as to the improvement of present society. What the socialist aims at is the capture of these powers of social control for the laborers, that they may use them in the interest of the producing class and thus abolish all economic of a "half a loaf." There is no half foaf offered. It is rather a case of a "miss phones is now on exhibition in Chicago capitalist class rule remains, there is but one "first step" to be taken, and that is the overthrow of that rule, To offer any other immediate step is to

fall into the realm of fakirdom. There yet remains the position to be able to say exactly what their candi- they can support their families without dates would do if they were elected, their This objection has been partly answered above, but there remains some company, but of course Glasgow will thinks still to be said. The socialist do it, for is not the telephone "socialphilosophy is a philosophy of society as "red" there, and socialism proposes to it actually is, and society is not a stationary thing. It is in process of contimuous change, and no one can say in doing anything for labor just send us detail what the society of tomorrow will be...

the present moment, the socialist never , flag to victory? It looks as if the next has any hesitation. When he is asked few months might settle the question what position he would take on any mind? question of the future, he must in the great majority of cases admit that he In response to requests from persons can only tell when the occasion arises, who have been subscribers to one o To make any other statement is to more of the papers that have b tion, these constructive philosophers either enter the realm of fakirdom or lately absorbed by The Workers Call, to have one of the papers which is comexpose his ignorance. The more partic- inng to them sent to some other adular or detailed the question on which dress, we would say that sinnes we reclars reference that are today deliding he is required to give a decision, the ceive no remuneration for such sub-the workers into continued clavery. In more true is the above fact. There is to do any additional bookkeeping, such fact, the origin of this demand for im- practically but one thing regarding the as would be demanded by such transmediate "constructive" measures is in future of which the socialist is sure fers upon them

itself a middle class action. The small enough to be able to take a clear scien. SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE, greatest difficulty in reviving the hunger-stricken man, who was unconscious business man and more highly fuld of time position upon. This is that they the proletariat, who generally associate next great step in social progress in to with each other, sithough their inter- come through the overthrow of the ests are opposite at bottom, have only parasilic, capitalist class, who will then lately been hard hit by economic devel- use the powers of social control in their opment. Hence they are in a hurry to interest exactly as the present ruling find a "remedy." The little storekeeper class is using them in its interest, and, who has just been bankrupted or the finally, that the first use the worker drummer out of a job for the first time will make of their power will be to take in his life is crazy for something to be -possession of the instruments of prodone right new. The laborer, whose duction and distribution and make sufferings are a hundred fold worse, them the common property of all has endured them for years and sees. Whether this will be by purchase or by nothing to get excited about. If he did confiscation; whether the railroads of there would be more hope for him and the bakeries will be taken first, or is liable to go to the dogs before they with the gift of supernatural prophecy can tell. So long as we stay within this he who has lost all, need not fear and logic, and, furthermore, we are not may or may not attract certain classes or destructive, but all these questions Let us look still closer as to what is are beside the point. If it is in accord meant by the terms destructive and with scientific facts, and all the facts so

Do you notice the way the half a dozen out-door meetings the single taxers are holding in Chicago are adverrapid evolution. We are just in the tised by the capitalist press, while the closing years of capitalism and not yet socialists have ben holding from twenty and no paper has as yet no form lies within the old. Socialism lies ticed their existence. The capitalist within capitalism as the completed class-consciousness is keen enough to statue lies within the rough block of know when anything threatens capitalism, and it sees in the single tax a harmless delusion that may serve to keep the workers amused a few years longer while they are being robb

While this subject is up, it is interest. ing to watch the actions of the Single Taxers in regard to discussions at their meetings. For years they have always attended socialists meetings and have participated in discussions. They have always been encouraged to do this and have no fear of discussing their beliefs and principles. But the Single Taxers have shown a decidedly hostile attitude towards anything like free discussions at their meetings. They have been, to say the least, discourteous those who sought to bring out the truth and have tried in every way to pre vent the socialists from entering into the discussions at their meetings. wonder if it is because it is so easy for the socialists to "rattle" their speakers and that the more light that shines on Single Tax the thinner it is seen to be.

upon the Appeal to Reason as a straight socialist paper and who have been advocating its circulation from that point of view, will be interested in the instructions that it sends out to a little folder that is being sent out to all those whom it is hoped may be induced to act as solicitors for the above sheet:

"Do not use the word 'socialism' except with socialists. It frightens some people. Say the paper is an advocate public ownership, that it oppose trusts, monopolies and combines, and presents startling statistics."

We leave the Appeal supporters to take which horn of the dilemma they choose. Either the above is a deliberate lie to secure trade, or else all of Wayland's protestations regarding his being a socialist are equally a falsehood. There is no alternative, as the paper that "opposes trusts, monopolies and incline to the belief that the circular is more to be relied upon than the editorial columns of the Appeal, and will take his word for what we always knew that the Appeal to Reason had no connection with socialism.

An automatic switchboard for tele that is as good as a mile." So long as by which the subscriber makes his own connections, is insured quick service and absolute secrecy, and the telephone girls are sent to look for new jobs. We suppose that the telephone company will simply give the girls work in other de partments shortening the hours of all their employes enough to make room for them or else they will increase the onsidered that the socialists should be wages of the employes retained so that wives and daughters being compelled to work. Our supposition may be wrong as to the Chicago Telephone ever hears of Glasgow "socialism" ever

Frence, Belgium, Italy, Germany-With regard to a definite question of which will be the first to carry the red

The following clippings and headlines taken from the capitalist papers
of July 1st may be of interest as show,
ing the nature of the prosperity which
the "people" are said to be enjoying at
present. Workingmen read and conpresent. Workingmen read and consider this, and your time will not be present. Workingmen read and con-sider this, and your time will not be wasted if you succeed in understuding thy there is such a difference between the prosperity that your class receive and that of your masters:

DAY.

Enormous Increment From National Prosperity to Be Distributed Among Capitalists and Investors in Chicage, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

Special dispatch to the Times-Herald.) New York, June 30.—One hundred and fifty million dellars in the shape of dividends payable tomorrow is to be distributed among capitalists and investors in New York, Philadelphia, Hoston, Chicago and St. Louis, according to, a Wall street authority. The estimate is regarded as a conservative one., It presents convincing proof that the nation is now on the high tide of prosperity.

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So much for the capitalist class. I is indeed prosperity for them. Let us now turn to the workers.

Chicago Journal, July 1st, headlines:

AT FREDONIA

Union Men Driven Into the Woods and Their Houses Burned.

FIRED FIVE HUNDRED SHOTS

Dollars for the capitalists and bullets or the workers; but let us proceed. Chicago Record, July 1st, headlines:

STRIKE OF TIN-MILL WORKMEN

Fifty Thousand, It Is Believed, Will Be Idle This Morning. Here's another item slightly differ

ent:
Special to The Chicago Record.
Moline, Ill., June 30.—Today 652 employes of Rock Island arsenal, opposite this city, were discharged. The men were disruissed from all departments except the blacksmithing, in which the force was materially reduced about three weeks ago. The reduction is due to a lack of sufficient appropriations to keep a force of men throughout the year.

And again, Chicago Record:

FILLING PLACES OF STRIKERS.

Packers Alarm the Skilled by Employ ing Unskilled Workmen.

Unskilled workmen are taking the places of the skilled men who struck at the stockyards. This became known last night and caused consternation last night and caused consternation among the members who are out, as well as those who had stuck to their employers. Superintendent S. S. Conway, had said Armour & Co. had decided to dispense with skilled labor in one department, and that the strikers would not be taken back. When quitting time came there were many earnest conferences among the men on street corners. The common question was, "If skilled labor is to be supplanted in one department, how long will it be before the rule is made to apply to other departments?"

The answer to the above question is

The answer to the above question is easily given, "How long will it be?" Superintendent Conway has solved it. It is this. When Armour & Co. (representing the capitalist class), decide to dispense with skilled labor. Neither sooner or later, my friend, but just then; when the capitalist decides. He and his class, not you and your class, are the deciding factors in these matters. But once more

Chicago Journal, July 1st:

NO STRIKE AT HOMESTEAD.

Discharge of Union Men. However May Lead to Trouble

By the Associated Press,
Pittsburg, July 1.—The reported strike at the Homestead steel works of the Carnegle company has not taken blace as yet, but the men are much worked up over the discharge of the members of the Amalgamated Association committee, who waited upon Suttendent Corey yesterday and decrintendent erintendent Corey yesterday and demanded the return of the 15 man dismissed recently for joining the association. Threats of a strike are heard on all sides, but the plant was in full operation today, and all the men were at work save the 24 who were discharged.

The following official statement was issued by the Carnegle Steel company

issued by the Carnegie Steel company today.

"With reference to the reported strike last ninght at the Homestand Steel works, it was stated at the office of the Carnegie Steel company today that the mills were running full during the night and are running full this morning, and that none of the employes left the works during the ninght as was reported. A number of workmen have been discharged, including a committee of 13 which called upon Superintendent Corey yesterday to request the reinstatement of men previously discharged for cause."

This is also a significant item. Fifteen employes of the Homestead Steel Works joined the Amalgamated Asso- attend. ciation, and were promptly fired. Nine alled on the superintendent to request the reinstatement of these men, and for answer they were also instantly fired. You see in this case, as in the other, the capitalist is the deciding factor. And now, once more, to point out the results of this system of "dividing up," is exemplified in one of your class,

Chicago Record, July 1st:

Henry E. Wood, an Expert Accountant. Found Starving.

Henry E. Wood, who is said to be an early in a compet accountant, was found nearly idea from starcation yesterday in a basement at 363 Burling street. The North Haisted street police took him to the county hospital in an ambulance and teday it is expected that he will recover, though the physicians had the

from lack of food.

Wood suffered from poor health, and

This list could be prolonged indefinitely but it is surely enough for one You will see by going over these Jay. items again that "prosperity" is a sort f mixture. It consists of 150 million DIVIDENDS OF \$150,000,000 DUE TO- dollars, 500 rafe bullets for union workers, burnt houses, strikes, lay offs, discharges of skilled labor, union smashing and death by starvation. The capitalist also decides how this "pros-perity" shall be distributed, and naturally he and his class appropriate the first item, the 150 millions, and your class gets all the rest. How do you like it? The capitalist classes will ask you this identical question next year n election day, and if you do not understand the meaning of the above compliation, you will say "It suits us all right. Please give us some more of the same," And you can bet your last nickel that your request will be granted.

> But if you have grasped its meaning you will vote with the Socialist Labor Party for the overthrow of this accursed system, and by establishing the collective ownership of the means of production, annihilate the capitalist class forever as the deciding factor in the distribution of "prosperity."

Our Belgian comfades have shown that lecherous old rascal, King Leopold. that they will allow no tampering with the franchise, even if it is necessary to send him about his business, that to make a republic of Belgium. He instantly came off his perch.

Horrible! A socialist deputy in the Italian parliament struck down a royalist representative, as he attempted to vote a secret ballot to suppress free speech and free press in Italy. As a rule we do not favor physical force but under similar circumstances we would have the fists of our comrades like piledrivers.

In the new French cabinet a "gentle man" called Gallifet, now holds the portfolio of minister of war. This person in the days of the Empire lived upon the prostitution of his wife, who was one of the most notorious and shameless creatures of that filthy re-In addition to his record for beastlality, he also obtained an unenviable notoriety by imbruing his hands in the, blood of hundreds of men wemen and children of the working class, the unfortunates of the Commune of 1871, and at present he is known to the Parisian proletariat as the "murderer of May," in reference to his exploits during the "bloody week." Gallifet is now minister of war, and is a liv-

talism rewards its dirty tools. But the socialist deputies did not allow this infamous scoundrel to take his seat in peace. From the revolutionary benches shouts of "assassin," "murderer" and "scoundrel" were hurled at his head. But as the capitalist press report tells us, these imprecations were unheeded, as Gallifet Knever forgot that he was a gentleman." We understand very well that there are many tools of the capitalist system who would be eager to rival or surpass the "gentlemanly" exploits of this murderous roue, if opportunity offered. But we also recognize that events are moving rapidly in France, and Gallifet's "gentlemanly" qualities are not likely to cause the French working class to forget that he is also a cowardly murderer."

A new freak has appeared, this time in England, where a "Tory Socialist" is running for parliament. We do not know exactly what sort of hybrid a "Tory Socialist" may be, but it is fairly safe to assert that it is of some value

week. The cost of the tickets (15 cents) goes entirely to make this paper better and better, so you will get more than your money's worth in any case.

The Picnic.

Next Sunday is to be The Workers' Call picnic at 123d and Michigan Ave. This should be, not simply a success but a tremenduous success. Not only should every Comrade be-present self, but he should make it a point to see to it that all his acquaintences also

This is the only thing in the way of members of the same association a request for assistance that has been made by The Workers' Call and it should meet with so generous a re sponse that no other request will ever be necessary. Remember that every dollar that comes in means a wider circle reached by socialist literature and a better quality of that literature brought to know the doctrines of so. cialism and that in consequence the BOOKKEEPER DYING OF HUNGER freedom of labor will be brought nearer.

Any comrade knowing the address of

THE SINGING FESTIVAL.

A Gathering of Socialist Singers From Many Cities

Arbeiter Sängerbund of the Northwest held its festival in Milwaukee. There were about 2,000 attendents from the northwestern cities. Chicago, St. Louis Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Sheboygan, Cleveland and Davenport were all well represented. During the two days of the convention the red button was everywhere in evidence. The editor of The Workers' Call, who accompanied the Chicago delegation, presented the claims of the paper and received a warm response. The S. L. P. comrades of Milwaukee had made excellent arrange. ments for the reception of the convention and helped in many ways to make everything a success.

The Arbeiter Sangerbund is organized on socialistic lines, have been in existence but two years and is in opposition to the North American Sangerbund, which just held its convention in Cincinnati. The songs sung at their concert breathe the spirit of revolt and call upon labor to unite for the emancipation of his class.

Chicago was chosen as the city where the central executive should be located and also as the place where the next convention should be held. About 300 delegates attended this business session and took part in the proceedings.

On Sunday afternoon there was a mammoth parade with the red banners and transparancies, and nearly a mile long. This parade embraced all the local and visiting singing societies, Section Milwaukee, S. L. P., and several local trades unions.

While we were in Milwaukee we were very hospitably entertained by Comrade Wilke, S. L. P. organizer, for Wisconsin, from whom we learned that there, as elsewhere, the movement is just taking on new life and is growingrapidly at various points. They have just issued a call for a traveling organizer and hope to have a man in the field before fall.

The first installment of what promses to be a valuable study of a particular point of the Marxist dectrine Some objections to economic materialsm," by the well-known theoretician of ocialism, M. G. Sorel, appear in the Humanite Nouvelle for June article is remarkable for depth of critical insight. In the same magazine is continued the series of articles on "le Droit pur," by the great legal authority, M. Edmond Picard, M. Picard finely embodies his concept of the highest justice in the law thus formulated: FROM each according to his faculties; TO each according to his wants; by the striving of each indivdually and of all combined."

While diplomatists discuss disarmament, and like the Roman Augurs, endeavor not to smile, the Tsar incorporates into the Russian imperial army the Finnish contingent, which had hitherto remained independent according example to the workers how capiing to the charter of Finland. Tsar's evident intention, moreover, is to Russify the Swedes and Finns under his rule. The present situation in Findland is very serious, and it is wellnigh unknown outside the country. The article on the subject contributed by a professor in a Finland university to the Humanite Nouvelle for June is accordingly valuable reading. The paper is a passionless but strictly accurate and logical expose of the situation. The same magazine, by the way, publishes this month the conclusion of the extremely comprehensive and carefully studied report on alcoholism and the conditions of labor in Belgium which the well-known sociologist, Emile Vandervelde, read before the Anti- Alcoholic congress.

Italian Comrades. Attention!

Comrade Dino Roudant, a well-known agitator in the socialist movement of Italy and condemned by the government of that country to sixteen years of imprisonment for his activity in the movement, has arrived and is about to go on a tour through the United States wherever it is possible to agitate and to organize Italian workingmen in the socialist movement.

His tour will be under the auspices of the Italian party organ. "Il Proletrio." All sections of the party located where there is an Italian population large enough to warrant the requested to communicate with the editor of "Il Proletario," 324 Straight street. Patterson, N. J., giving what nformation they may have or be able to obtain in regard to the Italian population, and, if possible, the addresses of Italian socialists in their respective locality if there are such.

The Wisconsin State Committee hat established a fund to be used in carrying on the socialist agitation throughcut the state. All contributions to this fund should be sent to the state secre tary, Frank R. Wilke, 1084 10th street, Milwaukee, Wis. All receipts will be published in the party organs.

Previously acknowledged......\$3.00 Gustave Rother, Butternut, Wis... 5.00 Miss Anna Wilke, Milwaukee50 Emil Findeisen, Milwaukee......

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Woman and Economics An Historical Study

BY MAY WOOD SIMONS.

that the way in which man gains his The law of "survival of the fittest factor in the growth of law, literature, wall marked her as the most oppressed partitutions and morals. Woman's of an exploited class.

The last century has seen woman positiutions and morals.

The last century has seen woman evolution has been no exception to this entering all lines of industry from the farms.

among every people. From the condi-tion of a slave to the family head un-der the slave economy, she became

society in its savage state consisted of two classes, the men engaged in the The latter in their relative position constitute the forerunner of the modtaborers.

With her originated the beginnings of all forms of industry. The textile S5 per cent to \$2 per cent.

The greatest absolute increase has millions has developed from the weave-

women of Pueblo or those of ancient

In short it is fair to presume that plied itself by four. one of the things that widely distin- Looking next at particular classes of guishes man from other animals, his industry it is found that the number tion largely to woman.

marks of an inferior class, and ac- ing taken by men. cerding to Herbert Spencer, "we read volved on the women all the mental clerks. and laborious occupations. So rigidity are the savage women obliged to personant their husbands cannot help them on any occasion or in Having become industrially valuable the highest Ignonimy," ..

dwarfed and the power of initiative and husband in the labor market.

The progress to early civilized society worked a corresponding change in eman economically. She became dependent on man for subsistence, and cut off, through social institutions and laboring class. custom, from any other means of live-

and the Middle Ages strengthened this lation until it was looked upon as the natural and unalterable state of affairs.

step in woman's evolution beginning with the Industrial Revolution in 1760. One of the fundamental leatures of ing on these statistics: this revolution was the substitution of markets the newly arising manufacturers demanded the cheapest labor power.

with no legal protection, be ab-

tained cheaper.

Heretofore she find been entirely a ment the revolution seemed complete. compel the men to surrender." But with woman this revolution in her inner of production WAS complete. old domestic system slowly gave place struggle. to a wider circle of exchange. Steam | The argument is brought forward, or machinery, however, made woman step | the one hand, that it is in some way at once into the position of a producer the fault of the unemployed husbar

freedom to woman. Other means of tion that the men are out of work livelihood than marriage or domestic This but serves the purpose of setting Bervice were now open to her. J. S. one great body of the workers against Mill in his "Principles of Political the interest of the other and conse-Economy" remarks that "Women em- quently of the whole, and blinds eyes to ployed in factories are the only women the fact that all is a product of the in the laboring class of life whose po- social conditions. sition is not that of slaves and drudges. On the other hand, many men objec-Precisely because they cannot be com-to women as a new competitor on the pelled to work and carn wages in fac-ground that she works cheaper and tories against their will."

class' would be compelled to work in limit of existence before she beno choice would be open to them, the terms offered her. Teaching the doctrine of 'Freedom of Again the strength of Not only would freedom of contract ests are identical, that the cause of appears to nothing when it became a labor is international and admits no matter of livelinood, but woman the sex lines.

Wester physically, lacking spirit from There is no strife between the workken agen of submission and without ing man and working woman, all are

Social philosophy is being re-written the one defense the laborer has a vote from the new standpoint of an eco-nomic basis. It is a well-proven fact battom in this struggle for employment. lweithood has been the determining constantly pushing the weakest to the

The economic stage of society has coal mines of the east and the farms established her position in all ages and of the south to the physician and col-

with feudalism a serf and the modern missioner of Labor show the extent to wage system has but made her occupy which she has engaged in these occupa the place of an employee. Her domes, tions, At present women are actively life and relations to man are a re- employed in 343 industries, while two faction of the economic changes in generations ago but 90 of the departments of labor were open to them.

That they are gradually displacing men in the labor world is evident from hunt and war, and the women em- the fact that in the twenty years from in the productive industries, 1879 1890 their number has increased from 14 per cent to 17 per cent of the whole number of persons engaged in all industries, while the number of men has decreased in the same period from

namen. chanical industries, where the 500,000 working women in 1870 has increased to 1,000,000 in 1890, or three for every its culmination in the delicate wares of one before. Due to the greater use of Worcester, Sevres and Berlin can be machinery in the clock and watch maktraced back in unbroken line to the ing trades which till recently were dried jars and bowls of the early largely hand industries there has been a great relative increase in this work the number of women having multi-

ability to make and use tools to satisfy of women engaged in professional ser-his wants, owes its origin and evolu-1 vice has risen from 24 to 33 per cent. while in the domestic and personal This very labor, however, as has al- service it has fallen from 42 to 38 per ways been the case, was regarded as cent, their place as house workers be-

The greatest relative gain from 1 to 6 that custom limiting the actions of the per cent occurs in trade and transpormen mainly to war and the chase, de. tation owing to the entry of women as

the greatest distress without incurring and through various reasons not being able to make even as fair terms with Physically a druds from the begin-ning her mental faculties were nar-rowed and stupified, self-confidence herself forced to compete with father

> Capitalism has developed certain tac tics in its dealing with the working woman, the wider principles of which in many cases, however, are not peculiar to her, but apply to the whole

Leaving the question of her low wages it is seen that when industrial The long centuries of ancient history disturbances arise it is woman who is soonest thrown out of work. In 1891 out of 300,000 employes thrown out of work by strikes 54 per cent were males Passing over these periods when his- and but 5 per cent females. In the tory was written with lit le mention of same year of the 50,000 employes out of this half of humanity we find the next work through lockcuts 19 per cent were men and 40 per cent were Says the Socialist Almanac in remark-

"The foregoing table affords a rempetition for the former regulations markable illustration of the brutality that had controlled production and dis-tribution. To meet this competition in a body. It shows, on the one hand, and push their wares into the world that the percentage of wage-working women involved in strikes is very small. Compelled by the direct ne-This was found in female and child cessity to leave the home for the shop, lacbr. Woman could manage a ma-chine quite as well as a man and her rather than put in jeopardy by a pro-test the mite upon which an aged or no conception of the relations of parent, a young sister, a child, per- cause and effect or the great laws gov. demestic producer. She had made things for home use, not for exchange, it shows, on the other hand, that they economic literature are mostly charac-It has been shown that as the work. figure in a very large proportion among ing man saw his tools become machines the lock-out employes. In the year of the lock-out employes, In the year of the change was very great, that as he great capitalistic prosperity, 1891, the as a whole, obtained almost no status in the scientific world, sion of another class was nearly 41 per cent. The capitalist The laboring woman has now an acbecome the possession of another class on whom he must depend for employ-

The very fact that women are becom man had been producing used by the capitalist class to create more and more for the market as the sex division and disguise the class

The argument is brought forward, or or father that the wife or daughter All this appeared to the superficial must enter the labor market. Women erver to have brought economic are told that it is due to lack of ambi-

thus lowers the rate of all wages, and Caught in the commercial spirit of also that she shows no spirit to assist the time he did not see with his con- the cause of labor by becoming active temporary Marx the further evolution in unions. This is true, but again the of industry, and failed to regard the fault rests not with the woman but fact that these "women of the laboring with the system. Being usually at the the factories in order to live and that wage-earner, she is forced to accept

Again the strength of labor has been Contract," he falled to see the effect on divided through the tendency to organ that theory of a vast laboring class the separate unions for women and that out from the means of production, men, Laborers have failed to see that would come in time to depend on whether man or woman, negro, for enother class for the privilege to work, eigner or native American, their inter-

of the laboring class.

No woman thoroughly appreciating the socialist philosophy will stop with ess than the economic freedom of her class. Further she will see that this involves, if intelligently helped on by her, the political and social equality of

Further the capitalist class have found valuable assistance in maintainin the so-called social workers who are

Nothing short of complete justice woman

quo, and who hence constitute the conervative body. Even could it be shown that it were "natural," which term is far from definite, it would not follow that it is the best. All social givance has been a product of artificial change. and in most things we have passed far from the natural state. Further, if this condition has "always" existed it is likewise no proof of its adequacy. It has served its purpose and social conditions demand a change.

Woman's psychological make up, the of economic conditions outgrowth makes her the easy prey of exploitation and the more difficult to rouse to social

Belfort Bax in speaking of the conservatism of the English laborers, says, Three generations of the modern great a shut-in being. The work of the house, under the present system cannot fail to fall into monotony if there are not fre-

quent complete changes for the woman. Engressed thus in herself and family she has for generations grown self centered and individualistic. Woman has thus become a conservative element, and has remained almost wholly without class-consciousness. Individher by present society, but has had lit. least. You must learn to rely upon yourtle sympathy for the remainder of the great body of workers. She reflects little on social conditions. As a natural result thus far where found engaged in social work she is occupied with the chance also a sick, or unemployed hus- erning social progress. Her fragmenterized by this same lack of broad un-

> Already there exists the one movement with which she must unite and the principles of which she must fully un derstand. Standing side by side man in the movement she will avoid the charge of incompetency or infer-

The socialist movement demands no oman's clubs for the discussion at ong range of the social question in its educational, propagandist, and more and more in its political work, by the laboring women whose interests lie and the substitution of a society with out class or sex distinctions.

The socialists are the only body wh demand equal political and social rights .These who talk much of helping the laboring women must rec ognize that it is only by their uniting orces with the socialists of the world who stand on the principle of the abo ition of classes, the distinctive laboring elves and not by some would-he lead. ers, that the equality of woman car gained. This would mean the political and social emancipation of ALL women, not those of the present capi-talist class, as would result from any 'woman's movement."

We do not ask for cash contribution out if you have a Gollar that you think you can spare toward securing your freedom, send it along with ten names and addresses and it will help you and

te "Friend of Labor" Shows That His Class Interests Are Stronger Than His Selftimental Theories.

PINGREE'S STRIKE.

STRIKE AT PINGREE SHOPS.

Detroit Shoe Plant May Close Pown Because of Controversy with Union Labor.

The above fairly bristles with points for the working class, and they should Nothing short of complete justice be made plain to every workingman. To help you we will cite them. In the Finally, the present condition of first place, Pingree was a "good man" woman is regarded as the natural one by the ruling class, whose interests de. by the ruling class, whose pleasests de-mand the maintenance of the status oppose your interests as workingmen. Where is the harmony betwee Capital and Labor in this case? Single Taxers please take notice. In the e-cond place you will observe that the men pay ducs because the firm's interest demanded that they do so, and now the firm states boldly that they (the workers) may cease paying dues, because the union label has not shown itself of any particular value to them (the firm). In the third place we repeat the words of Frank C. Pingree, as they value to the workingman that can comprehend them. He says "the machines simplify the work, so that it is not necessary to retain men formerly employed as boys can do the work just as well." Workingmen, do you understand that? It is the key for you. You cannot strike against the reachine and state of uncertainty never before beginning, nearly four, has made the bulk of the working class from sheer use and want, stupid and subservient. All that has here been said of the working glass from sheer the machine, through the machine, through the imidian of the Morking man's change in a few generations has been intensified in woman by countiess ages of economic dependence. For centuries her work has made her slave-driving capitalist. As he truly says "there is a law of competition main in the market," and that law of

competition he must obey even if his discharged workingmen die of starva-tion. Altgeld was No. 1 "good man," Pingree No. 2, and now keep your eye on "Golden Rule" Jones. He will be "Good intentions" whose material interests are antagoniatic to yours cannot help you in the selves and your class, as you have a common interest as workingmen. "The emancipation of the working class must be the act of the working class itself. The Socialist Labor Perty asks you and all workers to unite at the ballot box and do battle for, and win your own freedom. You cannot, must not shirk

"Come shoulder to shoulder ere earth Help is nought but thee and me.

this duty.

TRUSTS AND PRICES.

Some Confused Talk From the Moline to the class-conscient Evening Mail.

A comrade from Moline sends us a opy of the Evening Mail of that place taking exception to the article that apthe trusts in which it was pointed out that the abolition of the drummers was

ers on this question. The first is that Do not pass it by, or you are will not be by "gelting the ear" of the edge. that victory and relief will come to the suffering workers of America. in the so-called social workers who are at present tampering with society. August Combine in his "Pesitive Philosophy" has pointed our that few would have the audasity to announce themselves as authority in physics or chemistry, but few again do not deceive themselves into thinking they can sit in judgment on that most delicate and complex structure—society.

Hence we find social progress hind: The denience of the terror of the terror of the work in the society will be without work. The union complains that the firm has violated the wage bill by putting are unable to classify passing social events or trace their cause and effect. Touching but hazily the labor problem, avoiding entirely the class signings, avoiding entirely the class signings, avoiding entirely the class signings teaching contentment, even if occasion demand belitting intellectual attainments for women, they follow strictly the duty they perform for their capitalist patrons.

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dictions are realized almost before astonishment at the audacity of the prophet has disappeared. The past six menths has seen developments that are almost inconceivable in the rapidity of their accemplishment and revolution ary character of their femilis. Trust bidity and these are in turn swallowed by yet larger combinations. The proletarization of all save the large capitalists proceeds at the same headlong pace Whole classes of society who had thought themselves secure in a com lived, find themselves plunged at one into the ranks of unskilled labor o even forced into the army of the unem ployed. In the very midst of ity" society is tern by fierce labor bat-ties. Copitalism inflicts outrages upon its victims more recklessly than ever before. On every hand the line grows porer from the capitalist.

ment grows clear, the political is in a

two clear notes. One is voiced by Mark Hanna, who, as the representative of capitalism, caimly tells the people of England that America must be "re-signed" to the re-election of McKinley, and the endorsement of the policy of the administration. There is no wavering, no faltering here. Clear in its adherence to the interests of the capitalist class, it pushes forward in solld class conscious phalanx toward the attainment of its ends. Brutal, beastly, cruel but never faltering, it moves on. Opposed to this mighty force should be found an equally class-conscious army of the disinherited workers of America. In their unnumbered millions, did they but follow their interests as the capl tailsts follow theirs, the workers of America would have freedom in their grasp. If they had kept pace with the economic development of which they front rank of the revolting proletariat of the world instead of trailing at the them more than ready for the gospel of socialism. Who shall take it to them The answer is not far to seek. Opposed capitalism, there exists among the workers an equally clear class-con scious laborers' movement. This is the movement finding its expression in the Socialist Labor Party. The one clear voice on the side of labor, its strength is not measured by the number of its social saving. The Mail goes on as present adherents, but by the invincia social saving. The Mail goes on as fallows:

Of course this is a plausible argument, for it contains a one-suide truth. So far as obserns, the cheapening of the cost of commodities to the conserved the entire laboring class for the doctrines of the cost of commodities to the conserved the entire laboring class for the doctrines of the suffernment that is dosfrable. But the dame by killing present and possible competition it places the public in the power of that most unaccupulous and utterly souliess corporation which like a serpent, after hypnotizing its victims, can glogt over and deveur them at leisure. In a private corporation there is yet a possibility of reaching the ear of the men in charge. But in the case of a "public company," a corporation of corporation, as trust, if you please, the remove from the ear of the common people is like the great gulf fixed between Dives and Layarus—only their conditions are reversed and it is the poor man who burns in the torment of insatiable desire for the comforts which he has a right to expect.

"Cheap prices are not an unmixed blessing—they may be a curse if there are secured at the expense of our liberties. It is the opting that causes the true uplon man to seek for the articles hearing the union label, even though he has to pay more for them, because he knows he is simply paying tribute to such honest men and women as himself and that he is not contributing to the support of the weat-shop promoters—those shoulbs creatures who fatter on the life-blood of the poor wretches who think they must slave for their masters of sfarve."

There are two points in the above. bleness of its logical per There are two points in the above thereby bring your own deliverant Are YOU still hustling for subscribers? position that we wish to touch upon nearer. This is a call to action whos

as showing the position of many writ- significance should not be underrated. who seek relief from the rule of responsible for your own and others' capitalism are to do it by "gaining the slavery with him who now votes presar" of the owners. This idea that one ent conditions into continued existence. class of society should beg for mercy He acts blindly because of ignorance. from another is utterly ridiculous. It You delay lazily in spite of your knowl-

AUSTRALIA.

Henry D. Lloyd has just returned

from Australia and has had himself in-

terviewed two columns long in The As usual with the reformer he has been much impressed with the governmental tinkering that is going on over there, and confuses this with the labor movement. But as happens with his book on "Co-opera-tion in England," his reporter's instinct upon a misunderstanding, or misinter- has got the better of his theories and he sees better than he reasons, so that socialist would claim that cheapening he reposts facts which upset his own conclusions. In all the long list of reforms that are being carried on there he fails to show a single one that is not designed and carried out in the inare taught how to make butter to raise rabbits, and cary on co-operative industry. The government gives them houses for their products, developes fruit culture, and in general helps out the man who has a little property and small interests to conserve. But the man who has only his labor-power to sell, here as elsewhere, has little done for him. Under this condition, however, which by a process of economic tinkering keeps alive the middle class and developes the class of highly paid skilled labor, we are not surprised that Mr. Lloyd found no socialism or socialhe is a little off when he says that "there is no socialistic party there," as we receive each week among our ex-changes The People and Collectivist of New South Wales, which is the official organ of the socialists there, and reports a young and thriving movement. We feel sure that a few years more will begin to show the futility to labor of class rule of any kind no matter how "paternalistic" it may be, and will develope a socialist movement in Australia that will place the proletariat of that a far away land in line with their suffering brothers of other lands in the universal struggle for liberty.

THE PASSING OF THE CAPITALISTS. THE PASING OF THE CAPITALIST

"THE PASING OF THE CAPITALIST."
Whether fame or conquest, or riches were the object of Alaric he pursued that object with an ardor which could neither be quelled by adversity nor satisfied by success. They diverted the course of a river constructed Alaric's sepulcher in the bed and restored the waters to their natural channel."

Gibbon's "Decline and Fall."

Hear ye the bourgeois trumpet blast? The grean of the slave as the Capital-ist passed? His crimes have blackened and saddened the land. Where once lived a happy and prosperous band. Of workers and thinkers and teachers of Right Who for Liberty, Justice and Honor would fight.

of Right
Who for Liberty, Justice and Honor
would fight.
But the Capitalist spared not the young
nor the old.
He subjected them all to the rule of his
gold:
Changed the workers to slaves; the
thinkers to curs:
The teachers to pimps and worshippers.

The worker, a wage-slave, asks him for a job.

The thinker must starve or help him to rob.

The teacher must teach what he bids him, or tramp.

Be a prostitute male or a heroic "scamp."

He degraded religion to serve at his feast.

He builds a fine church and buys up the priest.

He builds a fine church and buys up the priest. He makes all the judges, the laws and the courts But the cannons and shells of the rob-ber-class forts. With College and Pulpit and Press all held fast. Even God had to bow when the Capi-talist passed.

The sons of brave sires with shame were bowed down, To see Columbia tremble at Capital's frown.

As Italy trembled at Alaric
As a conqueror greater than Alaric

So in Capital's track marched a power that decreed, that decreed.

That from slavery and crime our fair land should be freed. With a bright crimson banner whose Hammer and Arm Had flaunted victorious in battle and

storm.
The Socialist grappled the "Pig" by the throat And changed to a swan-song the bour-

Then drying the bed of the river of (Called "Business" and "Profit") the people took lime, Of the hottest and quickest and cov-

ered the corpse, And buried him there 'mid the music of harps And songs of rejoicing; for slavery at last Had made way for Freedom when the Capitalist passed.

Stanislus Cullen,, Spokane, Wash.

The Chicago City Railway Co. will discard the cable system on its Wabash avenue and State street lines, and substitute electricity instead. ilso substitute gripmen at 28 cents for motormen at 21. Two years ago when conditions the gripmen faithful to the company, and capitalism always rewards its faithful adherents. The gripmen may now anticipate a va-cation, and will understand how the company appreciates their treason to that Harrison was elected streets belong to the people"

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United States.

PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor Party of the United States, in Convention assembled, re-asserts the inalienable rights of ail men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

With the founders of the American republic we hold that the purpose of government is to secure every citizen in the single of our social conditions we hold, furthermore, that no such right can be exercised under a system of economic inequality, essentially destructive of life, of liberty and of happiness.

With the founders of this republic with the founders of this republic we hold that the true theory of politics is that the machinery of government must be owned and controlled by the whole people; but in the light of our industrial development we hold, furthermore, that the true theory of economics is that the machinery of production must likewise belong to the recoile in comment.

production must likewise belong to the people in common.

To the obvious fact that our despotic system of economics is the direct opposite of our democratic system of politics can plainly be traced the existence of a privileged class, the corruption of government by that class, the alienation of public property, public

tion of government by that class, the alienation of public property, public franchises and public functions to that class, and the abject dependence of the mightiest of nations upon that class. Again, through the perversion of Democracy to the ends of plutocracy, labor is robbed of the wealth which it alone produces, is denied the means of self-employment, and, by compulsory idleness in wage slavery, is even deprived of the necessaries of life.

Human power and natural forces are thus wasted, that the plutocracy may rule.

Ignorance and misery, with all their concomitant evils, are perpetuated, that the people may be kept in bond-

Science and invention are diverted from their humane purpose to the en-slavement of women and children.

Against such a system the Socialist
Labor Party once more enters its protest. Once more fit reiterates its fundamental declaration that private
property in the natural sources of production and in the instruments of labor is the obvious cause of all economic servitude and political depend-

ence.

The time is fast coming when, in the natural course of social evolution, this system, through the destructive action of its failures and crises on the one hand, and the constructive tendencies of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have

of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have worked out its own downfall.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, and upon all other honest citizens, to organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor Party into a class-conscious body, aware of its rights and determined to conquer them by taking possession of the public powers; so that, held together by an indomitable spirit of solidarity under the most trying conditions of the present class struggle, we may put a summary end to that barbarous struggle by the abolition of classes, the restoration of the land and of all the means of production, transportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the Co-operative Commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and social disorder; a commonwealth in which every worker shall have the free exercise and full benefit of his faculties multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization.

IMMEDIATE DEMANDS

With a view to immediate improvement in the condition of labor we present the following demands:

1. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of pro-

duction.

2. The United States shall obtain possession of the railroads, canals, telegraphs, telephones and all other means of public transportation and communication; the employees to operate the same co-operatively under the control of the Federal government and to elect their own superior officers, but no employee shall be discharged for political reasons.

3. The municipalities shall obtain possession of the local railroads, ferduction

3. The municipalities shall obtain possession of the local railroads, ferries, water works, gas works, electric plants and all industries requiring municipal franchises; the employees to operate the same co-operatively under the control of the municipal administration and to elect Their own superfor officers, but no employees shall be discharged for political researchs.

4. The public lands declared in-alienable. Revocation of all and grants to corporations or individuals, the conditions of which have not been complied with.

5. The United States to have the ex-

clusive right to issue money.

6. Congressional legislation providing for the scientific management of forests and waterways, and prohibiting the waste of the natural resources

of the country.
7. Inventions to be free to all; the inventors to be remunerated by the

nation.

8. Progressive income tax and tax on inheritances; the smaller incomes to be exempt.

9. School education of all children

9. School education of all children under fourteen years of age to be compulsory, gratuitous and accessible to all by public assistance in meals, clothing, books, etc., where necessary.

10. Repeal of all pauper, tramp, conspiracy and sumptuary laws. Unabridged right of combination.

11. Prohibition of the employment of children of school are and the employment.

of children of school age and the em-ployment of female labor in occupa-tions detrimental to health or morality. Abolition of the convict labor system. 12. Employment of the unemployed

12. Employment of the unemployed by the public authorities (county, city, state and nation).

13. All wages to be paid in lawful money of the United States. Equalization of woman's wages with those of men where equal service is performed.

14. Laws for the protection of life and limb in all occupations and an

14. Laws for the protection of life and limb in all occupations, and an efficient employers' liability law.

15. The people to have the right to propose laws and vote upon all measures of importance, according to the referendum principle.

16. Abolition of the veto power of the executive (national, state and municipal) wherever it exists.

17. Abolition of the United States Senate and all upper legislative chambers.

bers.

18. Municipal self-government.

19. Direct vote and secret ballots in all elections. Universal and equal right of suffrage without regard to color, creed or sex. Election days to be legal holidays. The principle of proportional representation to be instructional.

20. All public officers to be subject to recall by their respective constituencies.

encies. *
21. Uniform civil and criminal law
throughout the United States. Administration of justice to be free of charge.
Abolition of capital punishment.

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All kinds of Amusements and Refreshments at California and North Ave., every of these precious reformers should be on the grounds.

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J. J. CAPPELS,

Properly Conducted Trusts.

The following on the trust question from the Evening Telegram of Syra-cuse is of especial interest both because of the great quantity of poor reasoning its writer has been able to crowd into a small compass, and also because he has succeeded in combining nearly all the freak positions into one article thus giving ground for a criticism that may be of value to all interested in the

"Trusts would be a benefit to man-kind if they were conducted properly. They lower the cost of production and make it possible for greater industrial advancement. But they are improperly conducted, and instead of working benefits they work great injury to man-kind.

kind.

'In order to make trusts harmless the people must first of all take great interest first ing. That is the very first thing that must be done. They should know what they vote for and for whom they are voting. They must put honest men in office, otherwise the trust situation will not be much improved. They must follow the work of the successful candidate, and if he fails in deright they should put him out of politics. In that way they will, be able to get honest men—they will force men to be honest.

"The trusts at the present time fix the price of their goods as they please, and adjust the wages of the employes to suit their whims. With competition they would be unable to do so, and prices would be regulated in natural ways. "Competition would be brought about and the trusts would be rendered harmless by removing the protective tariff from its goods, by a gradation income tax, and by the government owning the railroads.

"The trusts would make a great fight against the people, but with the initiative and referendum the battle would be all in favor of the people.

"By the enacting of proper laws the trusts can be made of great benefit to the people. That they cannot or should not be entirely destroyed is certain. Their crushing and arbitrary power should be removed by wise laws.
"But first of all the people must awake to the necessity of taking action. They must vote wisely and select honest, capable men for office. All of which they will do when the time comes for the changes to be made."

Let us take this interesting document up a little in detail. "The trust's

ment up a little in detail. "The trusts would be a benefit to mankind if conducted properly." What does this mean? It is a good deal like saying: "Hell would be a fine place if properly ventilated." But he gives exactly the proper remedy when he says that in order to make them harmless "the people must first of all take a great interest in voting." This sounds well, but when a suggestion is offered as to how What a fall is there, my countrymen. Instead of a clear-cut position there is only confusion and twisting of wordsa mass of common-place palayer about "honest men," and finally the only thing which bears the slightest reemblance to a suggestion of action is a series of indefinite propositions about a protective tariff, graduated incom tax and government ownership of rail-roads—a program that would bear about the same relation of "effective-ness" to the "trust problem" as a perfume anatomizer to a Kansas cyclone

Ther is not a word to show that the reason why the trust is an instrument for evil instead of a "benefit to man-kind" is because they are today the property of a class who use them to secure the fruits of the labor of all others, and who maintain that ownership because they are today the ruling class in society. Most important of all the fact is carefully covered up that this ruling position with its power to rob abor is only maintained by a continuous deception of the working class who are led to believe that by voting for "honest men" they are voting in their own interest when they are really but consenting to their continued

Public Meetings.

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ern and Grand Aves, every Thursday vening.
Twenty-fourth Ward - Washington Square, Clark street and Walton place, every Thursday at 8 p. m.

31st Ward, 63rd and Sangamon every Wednesday at \$ p. m., and Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

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Thirty-fourth Ward will hold a the little exploiter. He is today without meeting Saturday eve., June 17th, at the corner of 120th and Wallace Sts.

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BUFFALO CONVENTION.

esult Which Confirms the Position Taken by The Workers' Call Last Week.

The article in last week's issue on the

Buffalo refomers called forth a grant amount of criticism from those wethought the people there gathered were 'coming our way." Were "sincere," etwere criticised as being too rough and accused of being abusive of the who "had good intentions," and were helping to "solve the social problem Today the strongest confirmation of the position taken is to be found in the reports of the convention. This was men and women who had been giten the best training and opportunities present society could afford. They have not been tied to the "wheel of lab." with no opportunity to know of the ciety in which they lived. They may according to their own statem of "decide what to A) next," and formulate "adequate" and "truthf principles upon which these who says the betterment of present conditions should units. Had there been anyth in the point of view from which the pendent of his economic condition and could formulate ideas that should make society, then we should indeed have had a right to expect great things from them. But knowing, us every some does, that ideap are but the outgrouth of the economic surroundings and mterests of the thinker, it was certain that only little thoughts and users w conclusions could come from this gub-ering of the small capitalists.

Nor were we wrong. Now that the poor as to do it henor. The document which they adopted in closing is about as inane a thing as it is possible : find outside of a Mother Goose meledy A jumble of bourgeois ethics and r glous cant which would make a G d ers, it does not offer one positive feature of interest to suffering labor. A plea for direct legislation, a bourgests position on public ownership, some expressions on taxation that are absolutely meaningless in the light of even confemptible dedge upon the say, question to placate the democrats. The only thing at all clear in the platform is that it is "opposed to militarian As was pointed out last week this is simply an indication that they have recognized the law that the larger the pond the smaller the splash made by the little frog in it, and that these little fish of the economic world see in militarism an engulfing of their private in-

terests and cry out accordingly.

Edward W. Bemis, in reporting the proceedings of the convention, says that "A strongly marked ethical impulse has accompanied the deliberations." We wonder when that impulse was most prominent and suggest that it was probably when the Boston labor fakir, Harry Lloyd, occupied the platform, or more likely yet, it must have emancipated from the personality of Sovereign, a man who was recently ejected from the hall of a pure and simple trades union convention be had become too corrupt and disreputable to be even tolerated among them Truly there may be honor among thieves but there is certainly ignorance or something worse among reformers. The fact that this contemptible secondrel was tolerated and given public notoriety by this convention is enough alone to damn the whole thing in the mind of any sincere man, and it makes no difference whether this was done through ignorance or complicity in his

An illustration of the narrow ignorance of those who made up the convention is shown in another quotation from the above member. Professor Bemis says in his report of the proare apt to associate with the German We do not remember hearing that the International Conference of Scientists that met at Toronto last year congratulated themselves that while their deliberations had been scientific they had been entirely free from the atheistic and Gertaken sick if he would object to his physician making use of the wicked and atheistic German medical knowl-

There is but one conclusion in the whole matter. It showed the utter im-potence of this class as a social factor. It is very doubtful if one hundred votes would be influenced in the United States by the result of their deliberations, and these would all be within their own class. Although they went down into the very slums of labor fakirism and called upon the worst clements among the stool pigeons of capitalist politics they could not even in-terest the workers of America. This convention showed, as nothing else could, how completely the process of influence, power or political significance. He may still manage to sather in a few more conventions and pass a few more sets of meaningless resulttions, but he cannot even attract atdrawing support to his cause. Truly the a corpse delivering its own funeral ora-tion. It was the last death as order of tion. It was the last death as offer it muddledom in American politics. It was union in death of those who had long fought each other in life united and perished.