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CAPITALIST PROSPERITY

MERELY UTILIZES THE WORKERS IN PRODUCING WEALTH FOR A FEW.

By Charles H. Vall.

The era of prosperity, we are told, has again dawned. This is undoubtedly true, but this prosperity, like all such periods, is merely a prosperity for the few—the bankers and the trust magnates. Prosperity is indeed on tap for them—they are making their millions. The reason why the middle class do not receive as much benefit from such periods as formerly, is because of the concentration of industry in the hands of the few. Although a large volume of business is being done but comparatively little falls into the hands of the middle class—they merely pick up the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table.

Surely no one will claim that the working class is prosperous in this or any other country. As a class they cannot live decently and save anything for a rainy day. A few may do, but not all, and those who do generally deny themselves everything that makes life worth living. It is easy to tell of the prosperous farmers of the west, but if those who prate about such prosperity were obliged to live the farmer's life of monotonous and unrequited toil, they would think it of a spurious kind of prosperity. Such prosperity is like that enjoyed by the chattel slave whose master gave him enough to eat and did not require him to work over twelve or fourteen hours a day.

To be sure a wage slave can more easily find a master now than he could a year ago. But the laborer who had employment a year ago was probably much better off than he is today. Although his wages may have advanced 10 per cent., the cost of living has advanced from 15 to 20 per cent. The law of wages always depends upon the average cost of living, but a temporary rise in the cost of necessities rarely ever causes wages to increase in like proportion unless the advanced price becomes permanent. So long as labor-power is a commodity its value will depend, like all other commodities, upon its cost of production. It is owing to this economic law that no "prosperity" under the present system can secure to the laborers anything in excess of the average livelihood. As already intimated, the industrial reserve army, caused by the formation of the trust and the introduction of labor-saving machinery, is less in times of industrial activity, but it never wholly disappears. Of course, every employer wants more men if he can get them at a reduced rate, but the supply is always in excess of the demand.

Of the kind of prosperity we are realizing at present I am but little interested. Surely no prosperity is worthy of the name which does not include the whole people. A prosperity that merely utilizes the workers, as did the slave masters of old, in producing wealth for a few is no prosperity worthy of the name, and yet that is the only kind of prosperity possible where capitalism has developed to its present stage. No one claims that the wage earners today receive a larger share of the wealth they create than formerly. Statistics show that labor is exploited more today than at any period in the past. This exploitation is inherent in the present wage and profit system and can only be abolished by socialism.

The working class, then, is not particularly interested in the cry of prosperity. Such a period merely means that the owners of the instruments of production have drafted onto their machines a larger number of workmen to be utilized in the production of profits. When the cycle of activity has run its course the workers are again laid off, reduced to degradation and made to depend on charitable doles until they can be re-employed at a profit.

In modern slavery it is no longer necessary to own human beings as chattels. It is only necessary to own the world's resources and machinery and economic serfs are at your disposal. The ownership of the means of production involves ownership of the men who must have access to those means or starve. The modern system has many advantages to the slaveholder—the modern capitalist. In fact it has all the advantages with none of the responsibility. The capitalist is not troubled with providing for his slaves, or with constant watching lest they escape. He is at no loss if the work dies, and is only obliged to keep him when he can utilize his labor power. The chattel slave owner had to care for his workers whether he had work for them or not. Wage slavery is as deplorable as chattel slavery. Under such conditions the prosperity of the working class is impossible.

Not only is capitalist prosperity of but little interest to wage-workers, but to the capitalist it is of but short duration; even now there are signs of ap-

proaching collapse, conditions being strikingly similar to those which preceded the great crisis of 1893. That a crisis will result from the present industrial activity must be plain to all who understand the causes of these ever recurring phenomena.

Capitalist prosperity, then, is not only spurious but ephemeral. In opposition to this the socialists would establish a prosperity which is genuine and permanent. Socialist prosperity means a prosperity for all, a prosperity that would supply the needs of every man, woman and child, a prosperity that would abide. Socialism would eliminate the causes of industrial depressions by establishing a scientific organization of industry wherein demand and supply would be commensurate—a system where production would be carried on for use, not profit, and so would be continued until all the needs of the people were met.

The working class have it within their power to realize this ideal. The first step toward attaining this era of real prosperity is mastery of the public powers. Laborers organize for the conquest of the political power; this is the only hope of your emancipation. Vote into effect your demand for socialist prosperity—an era of peace, justice and plenty for all.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION

COMRADE CHAR. R. MARTIN RECORDS INTERESTING FACTS.

As secretary of the committee on credentials at the national convention of the social democratic party held in Indianapolis, Ind., March 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1900, I prepared a record from which are obtained the following facts: Seventeen states were represented by 67 delegates with credentials for 1230 votes, less than half of the membership is good standing, the scattered branches not being represented.

An analysis of delegates' occupations shows 26 to be of the professional class, 11 of the business class, and 40 of the wage working class.

The oldest delegate was 55 years of age, and the youngest 22. The average age was a little less than 32.

The following callings, and occupations were represented:

- Artist and Illustrator, 1
- Blacksmith, 1
- Cabinetmaker, 1
- Carriage Painter, 1
- Cigar Maker, 1
- Coach Painter, 1
- Commercial Traveler, 1
- Editor, 1
- Farmer, 1
- Housewife, 1
- Insurance Agent, 1
- Iron Worker, 1
- Jeweler, 1
- Journalist, 1
- Laborer, 1
- Lawyer, 1
- Lecturer, 1
- Machinist, 1
- Manufacturer, 1
- Meat Cutter, 1
- Merchant, 1
- Miner, 1
- Minister, 1
- Office Clerk, 1
- Pattern Maker, 1
- Printer, 1
- Printing Pressman, 1
- Proof-reader, 1
- Publisher, 1
- Real Estate Broker, 1
- Salesman, 1
- Shoemaker, 1
- Student, 1
- Stenographer, 1
- Tailor, 1

The average age shows that socialism is being taken up by the maturing generation, which is a guarantee of its vitality and success.

CHAR. R. MARTIN.
Tiffin, Ohio, March 12, 1900.

INCREASE IN PRICES

The fact that the capitalists by forming monopolies, trusts, etc., sometimes increase the price, does not alter the fact that the ratio of exchange is determined by the amount of socially necessary labor embodied in the commodity, for so soon as large profits are being made, competitors spring up, or if the monopoly is too extortionate, it will destroy its sales, or other things will be used, as oil instead of gas, or acetylene or candles instead of oil, etc. As an actual matter of fact trusts do not usually increase prices, they increase profits principally by reducing the cost of production, but in speaking of exchange value we must also take exceptional cases, but the general average, and it will be found that over long periods the general average exchange value of commodities will be in ratio to the amount of socially necessary labor time embodied in them. The value of a commodity would remain constant if the labor time required for its production also remained constant; but the latter changes with every variation in the productiveness of labor. Marx points out that the constant part of capital (as distinct from capital spent in wages) must of necessity by the law of competition, inevitably increase in amount and thus lower the rate of profit, though not its absolute amount. —Berford.

Leonard D. Abbott lectured on "Trusts" before the Brooklyn co-operative club, Thursday, March 12.

EUGENE DEBS TO THE JOURNAL

WHAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR.

The following article was contributed by request to the New York Journal by Comrade Eugene V. Debs on the morning of the convention in Indianapolis:

Indianapolis, March 8.

The social democratic party is not a reform party, but a revolutionary party. It does not propose to modify the competitive system, but abolish it. An examination of its platform shows that it stands unequivocally for the collective ownership and control of all the means of wealth production and distribution—in a word, socialism.

The modern tendency is toward centralization and co-operation. This has given us the trust, and there has been a great hue and cry about this latest phase of the economic development.

The republican and democratic parties yielding to the popular outcry, will declare in favor of destroying or restraining the trust, but just how peurile and dishonest such declarations are every member of the social democratic party knows too well to be deceived into voting for either of said parties. As a matter of fact, the trust is the inevitable outgrowth of the competitive system, and to declare against the private ownership of the trust is to declare against the system itself. That neither the large capitalists, who own the trusts, nor the small capitalists who are opposed to them because they do not own them, favor the overthrow of the capitalist system of production and distribution is a foregone conclusion. The republican party represents the former class, and the democratic party the latter class. Both stand for essentially the same system of exploitation, and the socialist wage worker realizes that it makes precious little difference to him and his class whether they are exploited by a few great capitalists or an innumerable brood of small ones. They propose to put an end to exploitation entirely by abolishing the system and transferring the means of production and distribution from private hands to the collectivity and having them operated in the interest of all alike. To carry out this programme the first step necessary is political organization, and this step has been taken by the social democratic party. It is now organized in twenty-five different states and is spreading rapidly over the entire country. Its progress has been greatest in the states of Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Washington. These three states are marked for early conquest. California has also proved hospitable soil, and it is confidently expected that the Golden Gate State will develop a phenomenal increase of strength in the near future.

Just what the party declarations will be is, of course, a matter of conjecture, but so far as the essential principles of socialism are concerned they will be avowed in clear and commanding terms. The party will stand squarely upon the principles of international, revolutionary socialism. There will be not so much as a hint or a squint at compromise. It is safe to predict that the agents of fusion will not venture into that class-conscious convocation.

So far as I know there is not as yet a single candidate for either president or vice president. There will be no lobbying for office. The convention will be entirely free to choose its most available representatives, and they will accept from considerations not of greed or glory, but of duty to the cause.

The social democratic party is necessarily an international party. It is as wide as the domain of capitalism. It is everywhere and always the same. It takes no backward step. The rules of government is its goal. It refuses to be flattered, bribed, stamped or otherwise deflected from the straight course mapped out for it by Marx and Engels, its founders, and pursued with unflinching fidelity by their millions of followers. Before its conquering march every throne in Europe is beginning to tremble. The last one of them will fall to the earth while the century is still in its swaddling clothes. The socialist hosts of Germany give confident assurance that the days of deliverance for the people will soon dawn. In France, Belgium, England, Austria, Italy, Russia and other countries the same principles animating the proletarian class are finding expression in great parties, linked together in the indissoluble bonds of international socialism. The battle cry of Marx is heard around the world: "Workers of all countries, unite; you have a world to gain! You have nothing to lose but your chains!"

Among the last countries to organize, for reasons so generally understood that they need not be discussed here, is the United States, but the conditions which develop socialism have come upon us so rapidly during the past few years that it now seems certain that the American movement will soon become the most formidable of them all, and that here, where political democ-

racy was first achieved, industrial democracy will gain its first triumph.

The social democratic party has an interest in any of the so-called issues over which capitalist politicians fight sham battles. They care nothing about the currency question, the tariff or imperialism. They stand first, last and always for the collective ownership of all means of production and distribution, and they will press forward unceasingly until they secure them, thereby liberating the race and solving the problem of the centuries.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

FOR THE FAIR.

COMMITTEES ORGANIZE AND PREPARE PLANS FOR A GREAT EVENT.

The committee appointed by the Haverhill branch of the social democratic party and the women's social democratic club to arrange for a fair in the near future are getting into working order and plans are being rapidly perfected.

The first meeting of the committees were held last Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Sherman and there were present Mrs. Kate Corrigan, Mrs. Anna Young, and Mrs. Sherman for the women's club, and Louis M. Soates and William Mally for the branch. The joint committee organized by electing Comrade Soates chairman, and Comrade Mally secretary, and Comrade Mrs. Young, treasurer.

The committee from the branch having been given power by the branch to add to their number, it was decided that the joint committee meet on Tuesday evening and have the remaining members present.

The joint committee met again on Tuesday at 25 Washington street, with the following present:

Women's Club: Mrs. Kate Corrigan, Mrs. Anna Young, and Mrs. Sherman. S. D. P. branch: Comrades Soates, Fraser, Young, Langway, Fogarty, Moffit, Mally and Murdoch. A committee appointed by the Jewish branch was not present. The boys' club will also render assistance.

The following sub-committees were appointed:

- On Hall—Soates.
- On Printing—Fogarty, Young and Mrs. Corrigan.
- On Prizes—Soates, Mrs. Young, Fogarty, Young and Sibulkin.
- On Donations—Mrs. Young, Mrs. Corrigan, and Mrs. Sherman.
- On Amusements—Fraser, Moffit, Mally and Murdoch.
- On carpentering—Murdoch.

The prize committee was empowered to select others to assist in this work. Various matters in connection with the fair were talked over and the committee adjourned until Friday evening.

The fair is expected to be held early in May and it is the intention to make it a social and financial success. The proceeds will go to the cause.

It is reported that Prince Kropotkin, the famous scientist and revolutionist, will leave England and take up his residence in America.

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A LETTER AND REPLY.

Our attention has been called to the subjoined letter, printed in the Lawrence News, and as it is a fair sample of what social democrats may expect to have thrown at them in the coming campaign, we present our views upon the subject:

Lawrence, March 9, 1906.

Editor Daily News:

The avowed intention and in some cases the fact, of the socialist forces of this country nominating candidates for their own political competition for the presidency is, as I regard it, impractical and very unwise.

"In union there is strength," is an axiomatic truth which cannot be controverted. The separation of the forces of the reformers is a mistake which has followed and presented an unbroken front to Hannibal in '96, can only result in utter failure for them and another and greater triumph for the "dollar grinding" opposition.

Personally I regard, the socialist movement with sympathetic interest, and can subscribe to every plank in the platform of the social democracy.

"A Democrat" builds his argument upon a wrong premise and when that is pointed out, the impossibility of fusion between the social democratic party and the Bryan democracy will be readily perceived.

These two parties stand for entirely different objects, represent conflicting interests. Then how can they unite, fuse or amalgamate?

The social democratic party demands socialism, the ownership by society of the means of production and distribution, which would mean the abolition of the ownership of those means by a class, as now.

The Bryan democracy demands nothing definite. Free silver, anti-imperialism, anti-trust, anti-everything but the right thing, are what Bryan and his followers are supposed to want.

the payment of a living wage to the men and women who toil." Wages are only a portion of the product of labor returned by the employer to the worker as remuneration for having increased the wealth of the employer.

"A rejuvenation of society" must be the work of those upon whom the burdens, the ills and sorrows of the present society principally falls. And these are the working class.

Mr. Bryan aims to bring about some of the reforms for which socialists strive. Mr. Bryan may, from time to time, speak favorably of some of the planks in the social democratic party, but he regards the planks only in the light that they will immediately benefit the middle class—his class.

The social democratic party aims at a social revolution, the complete overthrow of the present system of capitalism. Every plank in the platform, every demand, is only a means to that end.

Mr. Bryan is not a socialist, as evidenced by his own declaration. Why should social democrats be asked to support anyone who does not believe in their principles?

McKinley will be the nominee of the class conscious capitalist class.

Bryan will be the nominee of the class conscious middle class.

Debs and Harriman are the nominees of the class conscious working class.

There can be no union between elements representing different principles and conflicting interests.

If "A Democrat" is a working man, either manual or mental, he should vote with his class.

COALITION JOKE.

The coalition members of the city government have been enjoying themselves of late, and as usual, at the expense of the citizens. A trait peculiar to statesmen of the kind in question is their aptitude to indulge in amusements which injure principally the class who should be benefited, and who are entitled to the most consideration.

It will be remembered that a little while ago a crusade was started by Alderman Bullock against minors loitering in pool rooms. The boys and young men who could find nowhere to go or no better amusement, were run out into the street and compelled to seek enjoyment where it was known none could be found.

Again, take the matter of the franchise granted the Haverhill and Southern New Hampshire street railway company for the construction of a street railway line from Main street to the state line.

As another instance note the action of the coalition members of the board of aldermen in the two orders introduced by Alderman Scates on Thursday of last week.

There are many others who, like Mr. Brewster, have remained with the democratic party for the reasons mentioned above. But the time has come when they must choose between a party, united and harmonious, representing the principles they profess to believe in or a reactionary party whose every action tends to retard the progress of those principles.

This plain statement leaves no doubt or uncertainty as to Mr. Brewster's position. Of him personally it can be said that he is brilliant, cultured and a fluent speaker and writer.

injunction to restrain the gas company from charging its customers more than 30 cents. What happened to these orders? Hardly had Alderman Scates time to take his seat after reading them when a motion was made in each case by Alderman Bullock to lay both of them on the table, and they were tabled. Note what this action means. The city petitions the state gas commission for a reduction in the price of gas; the commission, after hearing both sides, grants the petition and orders the reduction. The company refuses to recognize the order of the commission and decides to fight the case out in the courts.

These are three of the principal acts of those who are in the majority in the city of Haverhill, and who are better known as coalitionists, but formerly democrats, republicans and prohibitionists. Is it any wonder that the people of Haverhill being intelligent and progressive, the cause of socialism is becoming stronger here every day and that the day is near at hand when the social democratic party will control every department in the city government?

FOR SOCIALISM.

It was to be expected that a union of the socialist forces with the nomination of Debs and Harriman would create a new situation in American politics, particularly as far as the large army of reformers were concerned. Heretofore many who have claimed to be socialists have supported W. J. Bryan and the "regenerated" democracy because, they reasoned, there was no possibility of ever accomplishing anything by working with the socialist parties while these latter were conducted and constituted as they were for some time.

Mr. Brewster has been known for several years as a leading representative of the Bryan democracy in Kings county, New York. He has been a socialist for some time and has contributed many brilliant articles on socialism to leading labor papers and magazines of the country.

Intentionally or otherwise, H. H. Atherton, Jr., Washington correspondent, contemplates to misrepresent the situation in this congressional district. A little while ago we called attention to Mr. Atherton's classification of Mayor Chase as a silver democrat, etc.

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What SOCIALIST need hesitate to support and vote for two socialists like Eugene V. Debs and Job Harriman?

THE WATER BOARD.

The Gazette has suddenly discovered there is something the matter with the board of water commissioners and proceeds to become excited thereat. It repeats what we all know, that the water supply of Haverhill is of a poor quality and that it breeds typhoid and kindred diseases. This being so, the social democrats must be to blame and we are too anxious, it seems, to secure a reduction in the price of gas and we ignore the water question.

The board of water commissioners is a bi-partisan board, composed of republicans and democrats. There are no social democrats on the board. More than this, the city council, the mayor or anybody else has absolutely no control over the board. They are their own masters. Once appointed they can do as they please and the people have no redress.

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This brief statement will illustrate to the people what forces the social democrats have to contend against to make any change in the government of the city. They have not only the chaos resulting from the mismanagement of years, with a majority of the city government opposed to new management, but they have also a daily paper devoted to the task of assiduously misrepresenting their case, and throwing reflections upon their efforts.

A reform in the water department is only one of many to be undertaken by the social democrats when they have full power to act. Until then the people must content themselves to suffer for their past political mistakes.

IGNORANCE OR WHAT?

The democrats will probably nominate Mayor Chase of Haverhill though I hear that Representative Samuel Roads of Marblehead will angle for the nomination also. The former as a socialist has been elected mayor of a strong republican city like Haverhill, while the latter as a democrat of the "old-time-gold-bug-ultra-conservative" brand has several times been chosen as state representative from such a staunch republican burg as Marblehead.

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EDITORIAL

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Organizers of the United Mine Workers are trying to organize the miners and coke workers in the Connellsville region of Pennsylvania...

The Idaho mining investigation strengthens the suspicion that slavery still has a foothold in the United States.—Boston Traveller.

The Standard Oil Company advanced the price of oil 20 per cent. in the past few months and the announcement was made last week that a quarterly dividend of \$20,000,000 had been declared by the company.

Mayor Hart of Boston was the laborer's friend before he was elected, but now it is so different.—Lowell News.

True, but no different from ordinary democratic or republican mayors. In their attitude toward labor before and after election there is a similarity which can only arise from a knowledge of the divergency in interests existing between the laborer and the business man.

Frank Jones, formerly the I. A. M. of the democratic party in New Hampshire, has forsaken Bryan and his democracy and has joined the republicans and Hanna.

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mained in the democratic party as a smaller capitalist, in the evolution of things he graduated into the party of his class—the republican party.

Rev. Chas. Sheldon reprinted in the Topeka Capital during last week Comrade Leonard D. Abbott's article published in the Outlook a few weeks ago. In crediting the article Mr. Sheldon made an error.

The revelations occupying columns in the daily papers are not "divine heifers," "luck boxes" and such like do not reflect credit upon these same daily papers, when it is remembered that they were the chief mediums through which the swindlers were attracted to the swindlers.

When the coalitionists started out to reduce the wages of the street laborers no one expected they would rest until they had accomplished their object.

The terrible mine disaster that occurred at Red Ash, W. Va., two weeks ago, by which a large number of lives were lost, was attributable, it is said on good authority, to the carelessness of the mine officials and the lack of enforcement of the proper laws.

The Boston Traveller says "the Cour D'Alene 'bull pen' is going to cost the republican party a lot of votes in the northwest and elsewhere."

Opposition to labor legislation is stronger than ever in the legislature of New York state. Committees from the labor organizations report getting the cold shoulder on all sides when they appeared in behalf of labor bills.

The committee on union of the socialist labor party and the social democratic party will hold their first joint meeting next Sunday, March 22, at 1 a. m. in the Labor Lyceum, 64 E. 4th street, New York city.

There is a big strike of cigarmakers on in New York city, several thousand men and women being involved.

General Merriam informed President McKinley that membership in a labor union ought to constitute a crime.

The enterprising press agent whose business it is to keep the voters of the district posted on Congressman Moody

has set an item going the rounds that the congressman will soon make a speech on postal affairs. The people will now be anxious to find out how much less Mr. Moody knows about this subject than he did last fall.

The order to reduce the street laborers' wages passed the common council by a vote of 5 to 4, but was defeated in the board of aldermen.

A Brockton paper reports a rumor that the two old parties will combine in the election next fall to defeat the social democrats.

Frederick Scrimshaw, a popular writer for the socialist press, died in Arlington, N. Y., two weeks ago.

Fireman McCarthy, who lost his life heroically at a fire in Boston last week, was an employe of an institution owned, managed and controlled by the people through the city government.

Brother William McKinley of the Bricklayers' union has appointed Judge William H. Taft of Cincinnati on the second Philippine commission.

The identity of interests between the firm of Thayer and Maguire and the 78 cutters who protest against a reduction of wages is plainly evident.

The working class in Puerto Rico has probably discovered that the American brand of starvation is much the same as the Spanish, except that something more substantial was expected from this government.

The average age of the delegates to the social democratic convention is not comforting to the supporters of capitalism.

Eugene V. Debs will speak in Lawrence on May 23 under the auspices of the Central labor union, and a big parade will probably be arranged.

Congressman Moody announces that he will not be counsel in the Cole banking case in Boston.

Calling each other "liars" indicates a much needed inclination toward the truth on the part of United States senators.

Socialists can only support socialists.

Get ready for the fray!

MASS CONVENTION.

A mass convention of the social democrats of the sixth congressional district will be held on Thursday (Patriots' Day), April 19, at Newburyport.

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BETWEEN TWO FIRES

A TRAINMAN'S CAUSTIC COMMENT ON RAILROAD RULES.

To Obey Them All, He Says, "I have to Leave Time and With a Discharge To Break Them and Have an Accident Means a Discharge A. S. D."

It is an interesting position that one finds when studying the relations that connect the railroad employe with the road itself with regard to the rules and regulations.

"On our line," he said, "we have many a good mile that composes the whole road, but I will confine my knowledge and experience of working under rules and regulations as standing between the general manager's office and the actual operation of trains.

"Take my run, 150 miles, which is on the card to be made in 4 hours and 32 minutes, not such a swift gait, to be sure, although in winter, with snow, ice and bad weather, it is some little kind of a job to get around on time.

"A trainhand has the choice of either making his time, for, if he is frequently late, he is either set back, suspended, fined or dismissed, or living up to every rule, and, if not found doing so in case of accident, being dismissed.

"In one book of rules upon a large road appear nearly 500 regulations for the employe to familiarize himself with, or, as one of the general rules says: 'The head of each department must be conversant with the rules, supply copies of them to his subordinates, see that they are understood, enforce obedience to them. No one will be excused for the violation of any of them, even though not included in those applicable to his department. Ignorance, is no excuse for neglect of duty.'

"Then follows a most remarkable clause or rule which reads, 'Every employe while on duty connected with the trains on any division of the road is under the authority and must conform to the orders of the superintendent of that division.' Now, if the employe has a certain order from the superintendent that conflicts with those of the book, the road has him double headed.

"To obey the superintendent and disobey the rule means discharge, as it distinctly states that 'no one will be excused for the violation of any of them,' while on the other hand 'he must conform to the orders of the superintendent,' so he is apt to become discharged either way, but the road stands unblamed in either case.

"Then comes the changing occasionally of a rule or from day to day the time of some new rule. With this the employe must learn by heart the scheduled time of some 25 regular trains, not to mention as many specials. It is a wonder not more accidents occur when one employe may be on duty 18 or 20 continuous hours and happens to forget just one of these things to be remembered!"—Portland (Me.) Argus.

Boiled Salt Meats. The indigestible properties of boiled ham, corned beef and other salt meats may, according to Mrs. Parson, the cooking expert, be eliminated if the meat is sufficiently boiled.

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CUTTERS' STRIKE.
SEVENTY MEN EMPLOYED AT THAYER & MAGUIRE'S GO OUT.

Over seventy cutters employed in Thayer & Maguire's shoe factory walked out on strike on Tuesday last against a reduction in wages.

WITH THE AGITATORS.
Socialism and the Church was the subject of an address delivered before the Springfield, Mass. ministers association on Monday last by Comrade Samuel M. Jones.

Louisville, Ky., social democrats ratified the nominations of Debe and Harriman at a big mass meeting on March 12.

Social democratic party branches were formed last week at Oregon City, Ore.; Olympia, Wash.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Stoughton, Mass.; Wollaston, Mass.; Pittsburg, Ky.; Webster, Mass.; Brigham Canyon, Utah; and Tampa, Fla.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
"Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," the new play by Jerome Sykes and Edna Wallace Hopper, is being presented at the Academy of Music on March 26 and 27.

Those two successful and ever popular exponents of comedy, Louis Mann and Clara Lipman, will be here next Friday night, presenting for the first time here their new play "The Girl in the Barracks."

THE UNITED TICKET.
WHAT THE CLEVELAND CITIZEN A VIGOROUS SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY PAPER HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE NOMINEES OF THE INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION.

For President—EUGENE V. DEBE, of Indiana.
For Vice-President—JOB HARRIMAN, of California.

This ticket was nominated at Indianapolis last week amidst enthusiasm that beggared all description. He shouted themselves hoarse and wome wept for joy at the prospect of a early consummation of a union of Socialists, and the ticket was pronounced the strongest and most popular that was ever placed in the country.

Eugene V. Debe needs no introduction to our readers. They all know him and love him, not because he is Debe, but the sterling manhood, his splendid ability and his confessions of faith in the noble cause of labor have been put to the test, and he has almost been found wanting.

Job Harriman is in every way fitted to be Debe's running-mate. The dashed Californian, though still a young man, is one of the pioneer Socialists of the Pacific coast. He leaped into fame when he authored Congressman Maguire in a debate upon single tax and socialism several years ago, and since then he has labored unceasingly for the upbuilding of the Socialist movement.

The Rochester and Indianapolis conventions having been practically unanimous for amalgamation, the presidential ticket selected being highly satisfactory to both sides, and the two parties having already united in various places for the spring campaign, there is little else left to be done but to arrange minor details.

COMRADES, ATTENTION!
The joint committee appointed by the S. D. P. and S. L. P. of Boston respectively voted to hold a joint meeting of members of both parties Sunday April 1, at 1 p. m., at Phoenix hall, 74 Washington street, to discuss the features of the united socialist ticket.

The great "Comedie Francaise" theatre in Paris has been destroyed by fire. This has occasioned much news and regret among its regular patrons, who as a rule belong to the class who toil out, and therefore enjoy the product of the labors of others.

GRAND GULF CAVERN.
A GREAT CAVE THAT IS IN SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI.

Its Mysterious Depths Were First Explored by Two Men of More Than Ordinary Courage—The Story of Their Perilous Journey.

Southwest Missouri is full of strange earth formations that are called "natural" curiosities in spite of their unnaturalness. The earth is full of caves and sink holes. One of the most celebrated of these is the Grand Gulf, in Oregon county, about four miles from Koshong.

The poor, the poor, the poor! "The poor ye have always with you." Christ didn't actually say that this was a good thing, but his professed followers have generally accepted "this blessed heritage" as brother Carnegie calls it, as something in the nature of a command, judging from the zeal they display in maintaining the system which directly creates pauperism and the poor.

The entrance to the cave is wide and deep. The bed is of broken stones, over which trickles a tiny stream of water in the dry season. A hundred feet inside the cave the entrance suddenly narrows into a hole so small that a man must get on hands and knees to pass through. Beyond this narrow hole the entrance widens into a large grotto. There is a steep hill to climb; next the hill descends sharply into a lake. To penetrate to the end of this lake it was necessary to have a boat so small that it could be dragged through the narrow passage into the grotto.

Foley and his companion built a boat of suitable size and hauled it through the narrow entrance. They took with them also a long coil of rope, a quantity of matches, some railroad lanterns and four torches with cotton wadding on the ends soaked in kerosene. The cave of course is perfectly dark. The men used their lanterns till they got through the narrow place, but to their amazement the lantern flames inside the grotto slowly grew dim and finally went out. They tried to light them again, but the sulphur of the matches would have only to be extinguished immediately. The reason of this was that the atmosphere was exceedingly damp and heavy.

The men succeeded in lighting the four kerosene torches, and grasping one of them in each hand they made their way down the slope to the lake and stood the torches up between the rocks. The torches smoked like hot coals, giving out very little flame. The boat was dragged down to the lake, the torches fastened to the prow and stern, one end of the rope tied to a bowlder and the rest of the coil thrown in the boat. When the two men sat down in the frail craft they found the water rose to within three inches of the gunwales. It was impossible to use oars without tipping the boat far enough to sink it, so the men were forced to paddle cautiously with their hands.

They forced the little craft into the unknown lake, the smoldering torches lighting up the darkness for only a few feet around them. Outside it was a warm summer day, they knew, but inside it was like a closed refrigerator, all blackness and dampness and cold. The water of the lake was ice cold, and at every few dips they had to stop and warm their hands. There was nothing to be seen on any side—nothing but darkness. No sound could penetrate the cavern. If the boat should capsize—as it was likely to do with the slightest disturbance—they would be cramped in a minute in the cold water without a chance of help from the outside.

After a long and tedious paddling the boat's prow was suddenly buried in a bank of mud and gravel. Foley took a torch and stepped out cautiously in his rubber boots into the mud. He found he had come to the end of the lake and that a sharply inclined wall of rock rose before him. The main keeper climbed up the wall about 40 feet above the lake searching for a continuation of the cavern. But he could find none. Apparently the cavern ended there. He returned to the boat, where his companion sat. The two men made their way across the lake and out through the narrow place in safety. They had been gone an hour, and their friends outside had begun to fear an accident had happened to them.

So far as people know, the cave in the Grand Gulf has no outlet. The Indian traditions about the cave are that it was a subterranean waterway much used at one time by boatmen, who used to carry provisions in boats to the Arkansas valley. If this be true, the river must have been stopped up many years ago by some convulsion of nature and the lake formed then.—Kansas City Star.

The Wit Mr. Beecher Kept In. In the early days of Mr. Beecher's career, when wit was unknown in the pulpit, some of the deacons of his church asked him if he didn't think such frequent outbursts of humor were calculated to diminish his confidence. He listened patiently, and when they finished he said, "Brothers, if you only knew how many funny things I keep in my pocket, you wouldn't complain about the few I let out."—Ladies Home Journal.

"ALWAYS WITH YOU" VALVE OF CAPITALIST SOCIETY.

"CHARITY" AS THE SAFETY VALVE OF CAPITALIST SOCIETY. POVERTY AS AN INSTITUTION—DIFFERENT CONCEPTION OF "JUSTICE," AS SEEN FROM THE CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST STANDPOINTS.

The presence of the millions of the wretched, famished creatures known as the "poor" are a fruitful source of wealth economically and "spiritually" for their exploiters. How could the "society woman" lay up treasures in heaven of charity, pity, etc., etc., if the poor were abolished? How could the profits of the respectable capitalist be increased if there were not always a hungry, ragged, famished crowd of human beings outside his factory door, willing to take the places of those inside, who are less than one degree removed from the same condition? and how could he act the part of philanthropist and humanitarian, if his power of "giving employment" were taken away? It would indeed "be a sad day" to quote brother Carnegie again, if the class who thrive materially and spiritually upon its existence, if poverty were to disappear. Therefore, charity, charity, and still more charity is what is wanted, those who talk of justice are mere fools and dreamers, those who speak of socialism are dangerous enemies of "society."

And as the number of those who demand justice increase, so the necessity for more "charity" grows. It is beginning to be recognized that it acts as a sort of safety-valve for the wealthy classes, under the system they "legally" appropriate the labor product of the majority of the human race. To perpetuate this system it is necessary that the exploiters give back in the shape of charity a portion of the plunder sufficient to keep their victims below the danger point, but in the evolution of capitalism this process cannot keep pace with the production of wealth. As the ancient Roman patricians vainly tried to keep the dispossessed plebeians in a state of contentment by the "bread and circus" method, so in the end our modern capitalist class will find the charity dose ineffectual to maintain their supremacy.

Those who hold the means of production as their private property cannot hope much longer to stem the tide of misery and want, which results from such ownership, by throwing the sop of charity to the disinherited masses of mankind. As the wants of the race increase, their intelligence also increases, and they begin to understand that justice will render charity superfluous.

And the justice which the class-conscious workers are struggling for bears no resemblance to the capitalist definition of the word. Our justice is not one of mere access to the means of production, those social values which are the work of the brains and hands of countless millions of producers, and from which every individual upon the face of the earth is benefited. And this justice we neither uselessly demand, or ask as a favor, knowing well that without proper social procedure we are worthless. We struggle for justice, and when that has been accomplished "justice" shall consist in the fact that all mankind shall have free access to the means of production and that which they have toiled and produced, the product shall be theirs to use and enjoy. Capitalist conditions make "charity" necessary. Socialist conditions destroy this necessity.—The Workers' Call.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES.
In Denmark nearly all mechanics are organized. Even the servant girls are combining. In Copenhagen a union with 500 members has been formed and in order that they may give the unemployed in this country we give the principal demands they make. On principal demands they make. On taking a new place, each member shall demand a comfortable airy room good and nourishing food, the right to every other dining room at any time, every other Sunday off at any time, to be charged, no work after 7 o'clock in the evening, and if required to work after that hour overtime is to be charged. An evening's entertainment is to be considered work.

The Prussian government has openly declared that no social democrat will be allowed to teach in a state educational institution. This means that Prof. Aarons of Prussian university and many other famous educators will be forced to walk the plank. Capitalism's end is near when it resorts to the desperate scheme of destroying intellect.

A short time ago the report of the bureau of labor of Great Britain appeared. It showed the strength of the labor unions for 1926 as follows: Unions, 1,367; members, 1,611,254. For 1925, Unions, 1,267; membership, 1,644,581. Thirty-five unions were organized during the year, and 66 disbanded to form larger organizations.

Scandinavian painters of Chicago, 425 in number, followed the example of their American brethren and subscribed for socialist papers in a body.

The preparations of the socialists of Belgium for the coming election are going forward with great enthusiasm. Immense meetings are being held.

The socialist parties of Holland are uniting and the first result of the union is the publication of a daily paper at Amsterdam.

Another batch of socialists and trade unionists have been elected to municipal bodies in England. The tide continues to rise despite all obstacles.

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