

Socialism and the Stockmen

Beef Raisers and Socialists in Denunciation of Capitalist Cut Through Manifesto

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The following quotations are from the Manifesto issued by the North Montana Stock Association held in Helena a few days ago:

"A revolution by violence in the effort to set a limit to greed is to be deplored, but it is sure to come if a revolution by ballot can not be effected within the next few years."

"All the people except the professional politicians are tired of both the great parties."

"Between the two kinds of human sharks the humble producer of the necessities of life is ground into the dust."

"The president is handicapped by those formidable nothings styled official courtesy and deference to vested capital as exemplified in the colossal freebooters of the nation's blackest slum, called 'Wall Street.'"

"However, it is unnecessary concession to that class that the president should stigmatize the able men who throw light on such practices by their articles in magazines by styling them 'the man with the muck rake.'"

I happen to be personally acquainted with two-thirds of those stockmen that penned their names to the manifesto from which above quotations are taken and which was adopted by their convention. They are men above the average intelligence, business ability, and possessed of wealth measured by the hundreds of thousands.

But if you will read their manifesto, and then compare it with the writings of socialists you will find that they have almost outdone the socialists in their denunciation of existing social conditions, and prophecy of coming revolutions of force, and criticisms of politicians, and the great political parties.

I will call your attention to a few points:

Why this violent revolutionary kick

The "Citizen" has been informed that Upton Sinclair has been in Pittsburg lately under an assumed name investigating labor conditions in that district. There is no place in the country that we know of, not even the Chicago stock yards, that will furnish more material for a book than Pittsburg and vicinity. There are more workers killed and maimed in that district annually than were sacrificed in any battle of the Civil War, while the bitter poverty on the one hand and the ostentatious wealth on the other is a contrast that is wholly at variance with civilization. If Sinclair writes another book and the action is laid in and about Pittsburg let us hope that he will not fail to make a careful study of Homestead, where one can toss a stone from a Carnegie library upon scores of hovels unfit to be used as kennels for the dogs of plutocrats. That's where the colossal humbug of the age, Andrew Carnegie, squeezed two hundred million dollars from the flesh and blood of labor. That spot is rich with interesting stuff for a sequel to "The Jungle", which might aptly be entitled, "Hell Up to Date."—Citizen.

The land question is occupying the Russian parliament. The conservative members balk at the principle of forced expropriation while nothing less than complete nationalization of the land will satisfy the socialist and peasant members.

The labor group in the lower house of parliament, which is composed mostly of socialists, has drawn up and published a program, the essence of which is settlement of the agrarian problem through local commissions elected by a direct secret ballot, which shall select for distribution among the peasantry "all lands used for the exploitation of peasants," namely, lands not directly worked by the owners.

The labor plank of this platform demands the eight hour workday without decrease of pay and the establishment of a minimum wage in each locality by commissions composed of workmen.

from the Montana Stock men?

They realize that capital in the form of a "beef trust" is robbing them. The 25,000,000 wage-earners who have no capital like these stockmen, also realize that capital in the form of steel, coal, beef and scores of other "trusts" are robbing them by low wages and high prices for the necessities of life. Have they not a right, also to kick without being called lazy, drunken, extravagant anarchists?

The socialists and labor unions know that the governments of Colorado and Idaho are being used by capitalists to destroy organized labor, and that they have in the past murdered union men, and they have no doubt but that they are now contriving to murder the leaders of the Western Miners' association. Why has not Mr. Debs and other representatives of labor as good a right to talk about "violent revolution" as the Montana stockmen, when they know that organized capital is seeking to crush them, and know that they have resorted to murder in the past to accomplish their object?

The Montana stockmen are few in number. The wage-earners of the nation are many. Look at the anthracite coal trust that employs 160,000 men that represent 700,000 people. These 160,000 men received \$81,000,000 in wages last year—an average of \$430 each. God-ordained, Mr. Baer and his handful of cutthroats, cleared \$90,000,000 off these men after they paid the railroads \$135,000,000 for doing \$50,000,000 worth of work in hauling this coal to the seaboard. If these 160,000 men talk "violent revolution" and strike for a chance to live, are they anarchists?

When the steel trust clears in one year \$120,000,000 off the labor of 170,000 men, and pays them an average wage of \$750 each, including their high salaried men, or \$600 for common labor, when they make 40 per cent off their capital and force a man, and his

WHAT THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE WANTS.

"My Dear Wife—Life has nothing for me but sorrow, old age and poverty. You will find my dead body by the river bank below Withall. I enclose you all the money I have in the world; \$5. Good by. Your husband. "HOBART MOORE."

The above was written by an old man 90 years old just before committing suicide. His decaying body was found at the place specified by search-parties. He had ended his life by poison.

Hobart Moore was a German baker. He had always been conscientiously honest and scrupulously clean. All of his long 90 years he had done the necessary work of the world. He had prepared food that others might eat. He could not save for old age out of his earnings because there was nothing to save. And all that modern society had to reward him for his life long service to it was poverty, suffering and want.

The Citizens' Alliance wants to crush out the unions so they will get service cheaper. If they succeed the workers will have still less to live on and support their families. Then the grafters of society will have still more for idle luxury. The working class must band together against the vultures of society that steal the products of their labor. The workers make enough, but they don't get it. They must put the Citizens' Alliance out of business. Then they must put the capitalist class out of business by so systematizing business that there will be no danger of poverty and no room for the capitalist plunderer. This is what socialism means.

Congress need not wrangle about who shall pay the cost of the meat inspection. The shipper and the consumer will foot the bills in the long run, even if assessed to the packers. A cent a pound off the price of beef on the hoof and a cent or two tacked on to beef in the can will soon relieve the trust of any hardship in this direction.

family to live on \$600, are these 170,000 men anarchists because they call the men of the trusts robbers, the government a farce?

When the people know that their labor supports themselves, and creates all the capital and surplus wealth of the nation, but that a few men get possession of all but a bare living for the workers, and that the capitalists then make them labor to pay interest, profits and rent on this capital they have created, and of which they have been robbed, and that the capitalist also makes them work to pay further dividends on fictitious capital, is it any mystery that any part of the people who call themselves socialists, are demanding a revolution in which the people will take back their own property that has been confiscated by these robbers and parasites of industry and politics?

Now that the honorable stockmen of Montana have decided that everybody but professional politicians are sick of both democrats and republicans, they are one with the socialists in that the socialists have declared the same for years. But let these stockmen and all the people who see the evil but have no remedy quit abusing

the socialists—the only people who offer a remedy—and study the philosophy of socialism.

The outrage perpetrated in Cananea on the striking miners is practically a repetition of the Jamieson raid in South Africa. The American mining magnates are preparing to invade Sonora and steal. All the rot about a conflict between the American and Mexican working men has no foundation in fact. What is really behind the entire business is a conspiracy on the part of the American mining magnates to steal the state of Sonora from the Republic of Mexico. For a long time the American capitalists have resented having to share the rich spoils of the Mexican mining region with an alien government. From time to time disturbances have been reported, and the American corporations had bodies of men armed and in waiting all along the border. The capitalist papers put a crafty defense for the "big men", and stated that the Mexican government wished the assistance of the United States troops, which is exactly contrary to the facts, as the Mexican authorities see what the American mining men are after.

Concerning Sacrifice

Those Who Foot the Bills Make Rules of Game and Win Stakes —To the Bat

J. FRANK MABIE.

Ever play ball? Great game isn't it? You know what it is to get out and practice every night after doing your day's work; run and jump and strain every nerve and work harder than you did doing your day's work, all in order to get in shape to go over and do up the Jimtown nine on Fourth on July. You buy shoes and suits and bats and balls which all cost money but you don't think anything of that for see the fun you get out of the game. Same with tennis, golf, polo; you spend your money on these games, and do it gladly, and if any one should speak of your sacrificing for the game you would size him up as a candidate for the asylum. There are men who patronize the billiard hall three nights a week yet we never hear them speak of it as a sacrifice. When a fellow blows in the greater part of his month's wages for booze you don't hear him talk about sacrificing for the saloon business, or when he meets you with a fragrant Havana in his teeth he don't start in and tell you what a great sacrifice it was for him to get it. Oh no, the game is worth the price.

But some of these very men, who claim to be in the socialist movement are always behind in their dues, let go of every dime with a groan, and when they dig up a half or a dollar they tell what they are sacrificing for the cause. They seem to think they are doing something for some one else beside themselves; that they are doing more for socialism than socialism will do for them. They lack faith in its final triumph and have doubts about bread cast upon the waters returning after many days and begrudge their share of the expense to keep the game running. When election time comes round and your economic masters turn over their millions to the campaign funds you don't hear them talk about

sacrifice. They put up their money without a murmur and seem to enjoy the game immensely —as every one does when the play is coming his way. Beside they know that the ones who put up the expenses are the only ones who can make the rules of the game.

If you are dumped over board in the middle of the lake you don't talk about sacrificing your strength to get out. You strike out and swim and are mighty glad you have the strength to stand you till you hit the shore. Here we are floundering around in the sea of capitalism and talking about sacrificing something to get out. Why, we are sacrificing everything best in life by staying in. Instead of floating about clinging to some old broken spar with our heads just out of water waiting for some one to throw us a life preserver we should take delight in the consciousness that we are able to get out ourselves and get some enjoyment out of the game as we go.

And what a game! Consider the infinite variations and combinations of the play; the moves and counter-moves, advances and retreats, with ignorance and superstition and age-long custom and prejudice on one side to be met and overcome by the forces of light and reason.

And then think of the stakes. "A world to win." A hell to be turned into a paradise, where love shall be freed from the galling claims of economic bondage, where strife for bread shall be no more and man at last emerges from the dismal disease breeding swamps of the jungle of hate and competition into the full, warm sunlight of love and comradeship.

Comrades, it is worth winning a game like this. Let us have done with this talk of sacrifice and go on with the game.

It is your turn at the bat.

LECTURE!

Life, Liberty and Happiness

or THE CALL OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY By BENJAMIN F. WILSON of Berkeley, Cal.

In the Parlors of the Workers' Educational Club, Electric Hall Sunday Eve, June 24

Come and Hear this Talented Young Orator Explain His Message of Hope and Progress.

All Are Welcome. Admission Free. Eight O'clock Sharp.

Excited Working Men Fill Galleries.

The Social-Democratic aldermen in the Milwaukee city council gave the old party politicians a terrible shock last Monday. As the republican and democratic aldermen entered the council chamber, they were startled to see the galleries crowded with working men. The mayor and city attorney came over to the socialist aldermen and anxiously inquired what they had up their sleeves? They received no enlightenment until the order of new business was reached. Then a social-Democratic alderman offered the following resolution: "Whereas, more than 1,200 molders residing in the city of Milwaukee were forced to lay down their work May 1, 1906, in order to secure a living wage, and whereas, about 100 men have been imported from all over the country by the Milwaukee members of the Foundrymen's Association for the purpose of breaking said strike and to crush the Molder's Union and whereas, said strike-breakers are a dangerous class of people and are likely to become a serious menace to the city if their numbers are increased, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee hereby extends its sympathy to said striking molders and respectfully recommends that the Foundrymen's Association grant their demands without necessary delay. Further resolved, that the city clerk is hereby directed to mail forthwith a copy of this resolution to each Milwaukee member of said Foundrymen's Association."

of it. Ald. Melms (Social-Democrat) defended the cause of the striking molders in a fine and effective speech. Finally, under compulsion of the Social-Democrats in the galleries and on the floor if the council, the old party politicians were obliged to take their medicine. The resolutions were passed without change of one word and with only two dissenting votes. This is probably the first time in the history of the country that the common council of any American city ever advised capitalists to grant the demands of their striking workmen. Here again we see what a socialist minority can do.

Two other resolutions were introduced by the Social-Democrat aldermen. One demands that the contract for the new city forcing pump shall be constructed by union labor. The other resolution provides that only one alderman shall represent a ward, that each alderman shall receive \$1,500 a year and shall be further forbidden to engage in any private business. This was introduced because some Milwaukee old party aldermen have been in the habit of engaging in "insurance" business on the side, and for the business help rendered them by the corporations have paid in votes.

France now has 55 socialist deputies 22, additional ones were returned on the second balloting. Merle who was elected by a socialist vote in Briancon, has applied for admission to the party. This brings the total up to 55.

The first act of the newly elected socialist deputies of France was to march in body to the wall of the Federes where the martyrs of the Commune were massacred, where they left a wreath in the name of the socialist party. How gloriously the cause of freedom marches to its culmination.

CAMPAIGN SUGGESTIONS.

In order that some steps may be taken in time to prepare for the coming political campaign by the socialists of Ravalli county, the following course was deemed necessary to secure active co-operation by the different locals of the county and they are hereby requested to bring this paper up at their first meeting after receiving it.

Should the socialist party of Ravalli county attempt to place in nomination two candidates for each office to be voted for at the Primary election on Sept. 4, 1906?

Are there enough regular dues paying members of one years' standing in the county to do this?

If not, should we bar any one from entering the contest or being entered by their friends that cannot show this qualification?

If a full ticket cannot be nominated, giving a choice of two names for each office, can we not secure a choice of two names for the most important position to be filled and then if there are any members left that are eligible to be placed on the ballot, place but one name on the remaining positions to be filled?

Would a comrade joining now and paying state and national dues back to Sept. 1st 1905 be entitled to be placed on the ballot?

Would the plan be satisfactory for each local to nominate members in good standing for the positions they desire to contest for and by referendum submitted to all the locals select the two receiving the highest votes (providing one received the majority of all votes cast) as the ones to place on the official ballot at the primary election?

In lieu of a state convention would it not be practicable for each county that desires to place a member or members in nomination for a state office to do so with the state quorum or state committee and then submit the same to a referendum to all the locals?

And keep on doing so until but two candidates appear and the one obtaining a majority be declared the nominee of the party!

In the same way might not a state platform be moulded that receiving a majority of all votes cast be practically the strongest expression of opinion possible to place before the public for approval at the November election? By the Organizer of Lake Como Local.

The International Socialist Review quotes the following from "The Hi-Kan" (The Light) the Japanese socialist paper.

"There are three schools, so to speak, of Japanese Socialism. The first is Nippon-Skawi-To, Japanese Socialist Party, to which we belong. The second is a school of Christian Socialism. Their organ is Shinkigen, the New Era. But they declare that they are not the same thing such as English Christian Socialism which seems to be no more than charity institutions. They are also Social Democrats. Only they strive to develop the spiritual side of socialism. Mr. Abe, M. Kinoshita, Mr. Ishikawa and others belong to this. The third is Kokka-Shakwai-To, State-Socialist Party. Mr. Yamaji, a well-known journalist and historian, is its leader. He says that his State-Socialism is not the same thing such as German Socialism in Chair which is only social reforms without any definite aims. He is also a Scientific-Socialist. Only he applies ways of thinking to Japanese history. And he finds out that Marx's 'dualistic' view of present society (Proletariat and Bourgeois) is erroneous. So he established a new political 'trialism' (State, Bourgeois and Proletariat). This is the doctrine of State-Socialism. These schools may seem very singular to the eyes for foreigners. But this is a stage of development of Japanese Socialism."

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HOW TO KEEP LOCALS ALIVE.

Now that the work of the harvest season of the social movement is at hand—the summer season, when the socialist organizers and educators can carry their work and their message into every camp and hamlet, and industrial center because the expense of the capitalists' halls can be dispensed with, a great number of new organizations will be formed. The organizers will hold inspiring meetings, numbers of poor crushed wage slaves, a little more courageous than the rest, will think that sounds all right. They will sign their names to the application blanks, fork over their quarter, the organizer will organize them up in due form, and appoint the time and place of the next meeting. The application for a charter will go into the state committee, the charter will be duly sent. When it arrives the members will look at it doubtfully, and after that it will probably find safety and seclusion in the secretary's desk.

On the first meeting night the new and inexperienced members of a great revolutionary movement will come together, read the communications from the state secretary, possibly make arrangements for another speaker, and then look at each other blankly, and wonder what to do next. These comrades are dumbly in protest against the system that exploits them. They are ignorant of the philosophy of freedom, which is embodied in the socialist party. They want to do something to strengthen that party, and to make it a factor in their own community, but they don't know how. A tiresome monotony is repeated each evening, the members weary of such seemingly ineffectual efforts, they fail to put in an appearance and presently the word comes that the local is dead.

The international strength of the socialist movement lies in its systematic, intelligent, effective plan of organization. The socialist party is the strongest political organization in the world to-day. The plan is most admirable, but the new recruits have got to be taught to work to the plan.

The meetings of the locals must show purpose from the first. They must have an educational value. They must train their members in the tactics, the aim, and the principles of the socialist party. Never have a meeting without knowing exactly what you are going to do at it. Don't confine your meeting to a stupid business routine. Have a program.

Have each member down to do something; to pass the hat, or read a selection from a socialist paper, or make a five minutes' speech on some subject previously prepared. Advertise your meetings, whether you hold them in a hall or in some comrade's home. Let the public know they will learn something with sense and science in it.

Make the women of your locality feel there is something in the socialist movement for them; that they are most heartily welcome. Women will give life and go to your local. You can not have a successful movement without them. This is their home—where they belong.

Give a social phase to your meetings every now and then. Serve sandwiches and coffee. A full stomach warms the heart.

Be aggressive. Let the community know you are there and are doing something. You will make them respect the socialist idea.

Make a careful study of national and state constitutions, and ask questions on them.

Select some special subject for discussion every night. If you do this socialists will learn to love the local meetings as a place where they develop their minds, lead a larger life, and feel themselves a useful factor of society.

THE GREAT COMPROMISER.

William Jennings Bryan is achieving unenviable fame by passing as the great go-between, liberalist, concessionist of the capitalist class in its increasingly accentuated struggle with the expanding political power of labor. Bryan's position is a burlesque commentary or the chameleon character of the capitalist defense. Bryan was an extremist to the sensory nerves-of the capitalist when he posed as the Moses of the masses who were hypnotized by populist liberalism and promises. Even by the time of his second canvass for the presidency his bombastic talk fell flat. The people had been passing beyond him. Now we find him being lauded by the capitalist press. The capitalists think him a safe man to divert the minds of the people from the overruling and avaricious methods of the trust, without the slightest danger of jeopardizing the control of the government. The capitalists realize that they cannot play their game without resorting to the device of making the working class feel that they are the chief movers. They realize that the doctrines of socialism have permeated the masses. They must make the masses believe that they are going to get as much socialism as is good for them. And the safe golden mean is found in the illustrious personage of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan stands for nothing. He is nothing but one big compromise between capitalism and socialism. He is the frantic attempt of the capitalist class to put off the day of judgment. If he runs as the democratic candidate for the presidency he will draw with him the radical, the mentally indolent, the old hangers-on to populist liberal ideas, the mass of the vaguely discontented, all those who feel resentment against conditions, and yet have not got the mental perseverance to go to the bottom of the matter and find out the cause. Moreover, Bryan's babble on the trust is an absurdity. It is completely reactionary. To talk about regulating or restricting the trust is an absurdity, when the trust regulates and restricts everything itself. To talk about protecting the competitive principle is nonsense when the whole trend of industrial evolution is into collective effort. Nothing will change conditions but a complete political revolution that will put the capitalist class, and their control of institutions out of business. The Socialist Party is the only party that has this program. It is the party that will prevail, and the capitalist class might just as well prepare to take their medicine. Bryan, Hearst, and homeopathic doses notwithstanding. We print Bryan's enuncia.

"Before leaving home I tried to distinguish between democracy and what can properly be called socialism. Democracy recognizes competition as legitimate and tries to protect the competitive principle from attack. Socialism sees competition as an evil to be eliminated by public ownership and operation of all means of production and distribution. While this distinction between democracy and socialism cannot be overlooked, the democratic platform must be one of progress and reform and not merely of opposition to republican policies or socialistic ideas. In our fight for the absolute elimination of private monopolies and for the regulations of corporations in general, it is necessary that the party shall be free from any suspicion of alliance with the dominating American politics. To this end campaign contributions must be limited to those who have the public interest to advance. I trust that public sentiment will require all parties to keep their books open so that hereafter no party will be under private obligations to shield the corporate offenders."

SHIELD PROFIT MURDER.

If ever a paper stultified itself in attempting to gloss over a dirty disclosure the Helena Record does it in its editorial on the inspection of the beef trust. This delicate and dainty molder of public opinion is more concerned with horror at the "disgusting details", than at the thousands of human beings that are being poisoned every day by eating the foul, putrid matter that is sent one from the packing houses. It does not want its tender feelings hurt by the exposure of the whole incriminating investigation. It wants to throw all its cares on dear Teddy. He will do the right thing; just leave it to him. It calls it "buncombe" that some newspapers want the whole damning evidence given to the people so that they shall know how they are being murdered by eating carrion. How long can the people be deceived by such pious hypocrisy! There have always been laws sufficient to put this beef trust out of business. The owners have violated these laws openly. They have defied government because they controlled government. The socialists have pointed out these horrors for years. They have shown how the life of the human race was poisoned for profit. They have condemned the profit system, and ten million people are voting to overthrow it. The great capitalistic interests will not allow Teddy to do much. If he persists he will be taken care of and other grafters put in, in his place.

The capitalists do the service of society, and they do it for profit. The only remedy is to destroy the profit system. Sinclair, through "The Jungle" has forced the American public to acknowledge the viewpoint of the socialists, and there's a stirring among the dry bones in consequence. When that same public takes the advice of socialists politically, then, and then only will graft be destroyed.

SOCIETY CLEANSERS.

At last the great profit mongering American public has been forced to acknowledge the correctness of the socialists and their position in regard to the horrors and degenerative tendencies of modern capitalism. The socialists have carried the torch, and the big American public has been forced to follow. Sinclair, one of the militant socialists of the country, wrote "The Jungle". Roosevelt sputtered and talked "muck rake," but he had to come to it. Every paper and magazine in the country is now filled with the filthy disclosures. They are only telling what the socialists have been telling for 50 years. Now the beef trust inspection articles read like the columns of any ordinary socialist paper. The Anaconda Standard prints an article dated from New York that tells of Mrs. Ella Reeve Bloor's investigations in the Chicago packing houses, that largely influenced the reports of Roosevelt's commissioners. Mrs. Ella Reeve Bloor was Mrs. Ella Reeve Cohen, well known to socialist readers as prominent in the agitation field in Pennsylvania. The experiences and disclosures of Bertha Wilkins are also mentioned in this article. Miss Wilkins was one of the delegates to the national convention. She worked in disguise in the packing houses for several days, and afterwards wrote of the scenes there. The socialists have blazed the way. Society can now follow and protect itself.

REBELLIOUS SLAVES.

The brutal crushing of the strife at Cananea, Mexico, and the ordering the miners back into their slave pens by the forces of government shows with diabolical frankness who owns the government. The Western Federation of Miners are accused of inaugurating the strike as if they had committed some criminal act. Of course they inaugurated the strike. That's what men are organized for—to strike—to better their conditions. All miners who were under suspicion of having agitated the trouble were notified that they would be placed under arrest, and a dispatch states that the Mexican authorities have adopted strong measures to enforce orders to return to work. The management of the mines boasts that he men will work under exactly the same conditions as before. But the startling feature of the affair is that the government of Arizona sent American troops into foreign territory to help crush the rebellious slaves into subjection. Under ordinary circumstances this would have caused an international complication. But since the powers of government are organized solely by the ruling class to keep the workers in subjection, the exploiters of all nations rush to each other's support when their power to grind sweat and blood out of the workers is assailed.

Capitalist governments exist for the purpose of forcing the many to work for the few. It is to the interest of the working class to abolish them. This is what the socialist party of the world is formed for. Socialists demand that no private individuals shall own and control the industries. They demand that they shall be owned collectively by those that do the work. In this way alone will the exploitation and the incentive to exploitation, with all its brutal consequences of tyranny and poverty be stopped.

BOYCOTT "THE GAZETTE"

The Billings "Times", and its editor and owner, Mr. Morris, deserve the appreciation of Billings. Amid the horrors of the blood-thirsty attacks on the unions by the pernicious citizens' alliance the "Times" came out flat-footed for organized labor while the "Gazette", owned by Mr. P. B. Moss, the chief hater and debaser of working men, was most vicious in its attacks on the freedom, rights, and privileges of the working class. Workingmen, strike down your enemies as you would strike down a snake. Boycott the "Gazette"; it can't live unless you take it. Withdraw your support from those that are crushing you. Boycott the "Gazette."

The working class of Russia are incensed over the continued death penalties, and the enormous number of exiles being sent to Siberia. The report that the Czar has signed the order for the dissolution of the Duma has roused them to fury. M. Alladin, the leader of the peasant group openly boasted that the death of the ministers would be the country's rejoinder to the government's refusal to abolish the death penalty. At a meeting of 5,000 socialist democratic workmen it was decided to resort to a general strike.

PURLOINED FROM THE PRIVATE.

Correspondence of a Socialist.

Will write a little before I go to bed and finish some other time. Worked down at Phil Bottlers place today—the one below me on the river. Deb Terry has rented the place and Phil is having the house fixed up and I am to lath four rooms. I owe Phil a three month's pasture bill for my horses and will wipe out that debt and a little more. Will have to catch what work I can even if I neglect my garden some. Guess it is just as well for I get discouraged plugging along here alone. Beats all, don't it, how we are never contented. For years my ideal life was to have a little place just like this and fix it up to suit me. Now I have the place and have been fooling along till my ideal has changed, or got lost in a fog, and I sometimes wonder if I would not have been better off had I never taken the place. I feel that I am not getting what is coming to me—I am not living. Life and love are not measured by time. Life is not simply breathing and eating for a certain period. Life is what we get out of it, and some get more out of it in twenty years than others do in a hundred. And it does seem sometimes that I have got little out of life since I took up this ranch. I don't even get the pleasures that are close at hand. There are grand canyons and mountains always in sight, and to be sure, that is something, but I would like to make their closer acquaintance—if I had time. I am fond of fishing and there is good fishing almost at my own door but I don't have time to go. I am fond of hunting but about as near as I can come to having a hunt is to go out as a flunkie for some other fellow who does the hunting.

When I took this place I thought it would be a good place for our speakers to rest up but they won't rest. I sometimes feel that I would like to be out in the thick of the fight but may be there is less need of help in the thick of the fight than in some outlying places like this. And it seems I have not been able to take care of this yet. At local meeting Sunday I read some from the Communist Manifesto and one number said "the Manifesto is good but it is not socialism. I still believe what I wrote to the socialist a year ago that "the greatest necessity of the socialist party is the education of our own members."

Local Lewistown is right in saying we need an enlarged paper so that we can give space to scientific socialism. If what members we have in Montana now were clear on what constitutes a militant socialist movement we would be sailing in an open sea. Well, I am trying to get some young blood into the local.

How do you like the Commune number of the socialist? Herrons advice is good, as usual. A fine phrase that of O'Neil's—"The list of martyrs is long enough." I believe that this moving the "Socialist" to Idaho to the seat of war is a fine piece of strategy. We have prepared so well that our opponents are shivering at the call of time. They tremble when they come to size up this young gladiator that they have challenged. I believe it is good to keep up this general strike talk, it is educating the working class in the possibilities of it. We have got to depend mainly on socialists and the socialist will make more. Seems to me things are moving all right.

My neighbor, Fountain, tells me he did not get the News last week and last Sunday I saw Valentine Eggar who told me his papers do not come very regularly. Guess that Sheehey in the Livingston P. O. is monkeying with the mail again.

Did you see the editorial in the Worker "Nothing to lose but your claims," commenting on the editorial in the N. Y. Times. It is just impossible for a bourgeois mind to take interest enough in socialism to get an understanding of it. Well, so much the worse for them.

Just looked over the News. You'll have those slaves aroused yet.

Did you read Jos. Gilbert in the last Worker on "The S. P. and Trades Unions"? I like it the best of any yet. Seems to me he keeps close to the materialistic conception of history. "A message to Ella" is good. Beats all how the working class are losing respect for this philanthropic sympathizer. The Socialist did a good work in exposing Hubbard.

Some of the leading writers in France express the opinion that a revolution is bound to come in that country as a result of recent strikes. It is pointed out that the trade unions have become decidedly hostile because of the combination of capitalists and their declarations against recognition of labor. The tactics are modeled somewhat after the plans of the open shop advocates in America. The unions are reported as having a clear-cut program mapped out that will be enforced when the revolution begins. The workers will seize the industries and turn them over to the state and operate them under its control. Prominent government officials are said to be encouraging the movement.—Citizen.

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All Socialists should subscribe for the News.

JOB FOR ORCHARD.

W. C. Greene is out with another edition of mine owners' guff about the "conspiracies" of the Western Federation of Miners and socialism. Here is his latest. He neglects to mention the fact that the mine owners themselves are trying to steal Sonora from the Mexican government. "On the night of May 31, I was informed by a man working in the Cobre Grande that a Mexican working there had told him that trouble was going to start in Cananea on the morning of June 1 at 5 o'clock that a socialist club had held three meetings at mid-

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night on the night of May 30, and a large number of agitators with socialistic tendency were present that agitators of the Western Federation of Miners had been through the mines inciting the Mexicans and that they had been furnishing money for the socialistic club that had been established in Cananea. He also gave us a couple of the copies of a revolutionary circular that had been widely distributed together with another of other details."

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TO A FOILED REVOLTER OR REVOLTESSE.

Courage, my brother or my sister! whatever occurs. Keep on! Liberty is to be subserved, That is nothing that is quelled by one or two failures, or any number of failures.

IN THE FIELD.

Table with columns for location and date. Includes BENJAMIN F. WILSON'S DATES, JOHN COLLINS' DATES, MURRAY KING'S DATES, DR. WILLET'S DATES, and MRS. HAZLETT'S DATES.

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NOTICE.

All working men are requested to keep away from Big Muddy Coal Mine. The men there are locked out for organizing a Union of United Mine Workers.

The Referendum to assess Locals \$1.00 per member to pay expense of State Convention has carried. Locals will take the necessary means to raise the money as soon as possible.

Women's Clubs

The strides of advancement in the 100 years in the line of inventions has been marvelous. Invention has made production cheaper, requires less men to turn out the same amount of goods, thus turning more income into the coffers of the owners of the machines, and turning more workmen into the ranks of the unemployed.

While this work of invention has been going on, we have been proud of ourselves as the clever American people (and so we were), but have forgotten all about the fact that we needed inventions along some other lines also: inventions to arrange for the needs of the ever increasing ranks of the employed, to give them healthful occupation and a chance to live.

It may be that in the course of evolution that it was the only way that it could work out. Amassing of wealth made it possible to take hold of big undertakings and as big firms came to cutting prices on goods, therefore on salaries also, too much to draw the trade to themselves they called a halt, held a conference with their opponents and consolidated into what is now the trusts.

The "Socialist Voice," Oakland, Cal., has issued a call for funds to assist the San Francisco comrades in getting the work back on its feet. All socialists are asked to donate to this cause no matter how small.

San Diego socialists are making active preparations for a fall campaign. An organizer is to be kept constantly in the field from now until election. Systematic work and precinct organization work is to be carried on.

The Brotherhood Publishing Co., Ltd., publishers of the popular new socialist song book, Moyer's "Songs of Socialism" which is receiving such high praise from our workers everywhere, has moved its headquarters from Battle Creek, Mich., to Chicago, Ill., 5035 Forestville Ave.

The American branch of the International Institute of Social Science, Wm. J. Eberle, secretary, is preparing to issue its "Socialist Poster No. 2." The poster is prepared by Lucien Sanial, of the editorial department of the institute.

The Kerr Publishing Company has just completed an arrangement with May Beals by which it will bring out a cloth edition of "The Rebel at Large," uniform in size with the Standard Socialist series.

COURTESY.

It has been proven hundreds of times that courtesy not only benefits the person to whom it is shown, but also the one extending the courtesy. It's the little courtesies that often make the most lasting impressions.

National News

The Cleveland socialists are holding from 15 to 20 public meetings weekly, most of them in the open air.

The amendments to the state constitution of Wisconsin, raising the dues from 5 to 10 cents has been carried by referendum vote.

It is the desire of the national office to place a Bohemian, a German, and a Hebrew organizer as soon as a sufficient number of applications are received.

The Nebraska state convention which was called to meet July 4 has been postponed on account of the new primary law until August.

The Vermont state convention, which was to have been held June 2, has been postponed on account of the new primary law till June 16 at Bellows Falls.

Upton Sinclair—whom Comrade Berger in his convention speech characterized as "the man who proved that the pen is mightier than the butcher-knife"—will address the Wisconsin monster state picnic to be held in Milwaukee July 15.

A meeting of members of Typographical Union No. 6 and allied trades of New York was held at West Side socialist headquarters on June 10, for the purpose of organizing a printers' socialist propaganda society.

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The socialist state convention of South Dakota was held in Sioux Falls June 6, and without opposition placed the following state and congressional ticket in nomination:

Governor—Freeman Knowles of Deadwood. Lieutenant-Governor—Martin Eggo of Huron. Congressman—James A. Kirman of Rye and H. T. Berg of Brookings.

International

The Hungarian socialist party paper now has a circulation of over 3,000.

The Polish socialists in Germany have finally united with the social democracy.

At the municipal elections in Vienna the socialist democrats captured four seats from the Christian socialists, and held all they had.

In the electoral district of Dortmund, Germany, the socialist party has increased from 2,000 to more than twice that number in the past year.

Counting the independents in the French Chambers, who vote mostly with the socialists, there will be a total strength of 70 as compared with 48 in the previous Chamber.

The number of socialist representatives in Denmark is increased at the last elections from 16 to 24, and the popular vote is increased proportionally.

The recent congress of the socialists of Saxony shows that the party membership has doubled in five years, having increased from 25,000 to 54,000.

The recent city election in Switzerland shows considerable socialist activity. At Berne they ran only 29 votes behind the radicals, polling 1,227 votes.

The elections in the Caucasus are everywhere going in favor of the social democrats, and the government is unable to cope with the agrarian disorders.

The composition of the Danish parliament is divided among the different parties as follows: Government supporters, 55; Socialists, 24; The Rightists, 13; the Moderate Leftists, 9; the Radicals, 9; the Independents, 3.

Since the assembling of the Duma four socialist newspapers have re-appeared in Russia, the "Neva Gazette," "Volka," "Voice," and the "Work of the People." Every now and then the police confiscate certain numbers.

Vandervelde reports that the Belgian socialists increased their number of seats in the Chambers of Deputies from 28 to 30. The united socialist and liberal opposition will have 77 seats.

In Italy the pope is doing his utmost to prevent the socialist members of parliament who have resigned, from being returned to their seats. He refuses to let Catholics appear as candidates and all but hands down a mandate to vote against socialists at the polling booths.

The 24 socialist deputies who resigned from the Italian parliament because their resolution was voted down declaring for the taking of legal steps toward preventing the massacres of the proletariat by the army, have been re-elected by overwhelming majorities.

James E. Smith and seven associates of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, are on trial for conducting a slavery plantation. One negro who had worked five months received only \$3.50.

It should not be forgotten that the constitutional democrats in the Russian Duma are acting all the time under the pressure of social democrats and revolutionary socialists outside that body. Without that influence to force them on they never would have taken so bold a stand as they have against the autocracy.

THE WORKER.

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State Department

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

Local Stevensville sends in \$3 dues for June.

Comrade Hans Prevost has handed in \$10 for the equipment fund.

The Brewers' Union of Butte has donated \$20 to the equipment fund.

Great Falls local sent in \$3.00 for book of stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. William Peterson of Great Falls sent in \$5 for the equipment fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palsgrove send in \$5.00 as payment of their pledge on the equipment fund.

Comrade Topel of Bozeman writes that they have \$21.00 donations promised to the News so far.

An application for charter was sent in by Comrade King from Moore with seven names on it.

Comrade Rydberg of Red Lodge adds to the subscription list and says the comrades there are coming up with their share for the press fund.

Comrade Kamper of Glasgow encloses order for \$13, \$10 for stamps and \$3 for press fund. He says after pay day they will collect what they can and send it to the News, and adds, "If we are a little silent we are far from dead."

Locals wishing Father McGrady to speak should send word to the state secretary. Father McGrady will be in Montana in August. The terms are \$25, which covers all his expenses. The money should be raised by the previous sale of tickets.

Sixty dollars worth of new type came into the office of the News last week. It was the first installment of the new equipment. Those who have given pledges are requested to pay them promptly. We expect to set the press up in July.

Comrade Wiegunda sends in \$3.00 for stamps. He writes of King's meetings: "Comrade King made a very farable impression while here and had good attendance both nights. The comrades called for questions, but none were forthcoming. Evidently the plutes were afraid of being shocked at their own density."

Comrade Rutherford of East Helena made his weekly visit to the News and left his \$2.00. He says it is his purpose to give this much each week to the News till after election, to be used according to the most pressing needs. We are going to put the money in the general organization fund. It does not show up this way quite so well as in the equipment, but it enables the organization to handle the present necessities, and they are important.

Comrade John Hudson writes this: "We want the next speaker for seven dates including Columbus; that is if you have another as good as Collins. He is a dandy. He has caught two men that we never could have caught, and that we never expected to. Can't you let the next speaker be sick here for a while? that is if he

is like Collins. We enjoyed him so much. He is just the man for the farmers. All that keeps the farmers out is that they are afraid that the socialists want to take their farms away.

Comrade Fred Southworth of Nye writes: "Will say that Comrade Collins surpassed our expectations, both at Dean and Nye. Collins is the one that understands the situation and the people in the west."

Comrade Melinda Hudson has this to write of the Collins meetings, "Comrade Collins was with us two evenings. He spoke at the Anderson school house on Sunday evening for nearly two hours to about 50 people who listened very attentively. It is farmers' country and everybody is very busy, but he did lots of good. June 11 he spoke at Nye in Tarby hall to a good audience for nearly two hours. He listened and cheered him from first to last, and were well pleased. He did lots of good there. We took up collection of \$5.00, but had to pay \$2.50 for the hall. He surely put the people to thinking, and they will be more anxious to hear the next speaker."

The Great Falls secretary writes: "There is not much to be said about the Falls, for the time being. "Recently, the Scandinavian Brotherhood held and entertainment at Luther Hall. So Comrade Mrs. Rae and her little son stationed themselves at the entrance and distributed socialist literature, but after awhile a man whom she took to be Mr. Luther, came and ordered her to desist and find other headquarters. They then peacefully departed but with the satisfaction that quite a number of men politely accepted and put in an inside pocket the pamphlet 'What Socialists Think?'"

We have the following letter from Dr. Calder, one of the old reliable socialists of Butte, relative to the Wilson meetings: "I have heard Ben Wilson now his third night and from the size of the crowd he has gathered and the rounds of applause given him he seems to be the man in the right place. Last night he spoke for 3 hours and is at it yet. Ben has improved very much and is appreciated. It reminds me of old times to have him rub it into them and then hear them yell. There have been no interruptions of his meetings and the contributions have been liberal. He took in last night \$13.00, and the night before \$3.00, so you can see how he is appreciated."

Comrade Barrows of Garniel writes: "The lecture by Murray E. King was an unqualified success from every point except the financial and through a misunderstanding the taking of a collection was neglected. The people whom I have talked with seem very well impressed with the lecture, and I feel that the cause has been given a boost of no little magnitude. We will be ready in the near future for another speaker and for organization. There have already been four comrades who have said they wanted to join, and there are several others who wish to investigate. Please send me instructions for organizing a local and the necessary blanks, etc. When is Ben Wilson going to be in Fergus county?"

BEN WILSON'S REPORT.

Butte, June 11 '06.
I drop in here at the hotel to write a little note after the meeting.

The meetings open very encouragingly. Large crowds last night listened with close attention. Tonight over 1,000 men blackened the street and stood for over an hour and a half with deepening interest. Tomorrow night will be even greater. I have sold all the cards you sent me. Your letter reached me tonight with 6 more which I will sell tomorrow. Please send me more, Butte, Genl. Del., or to Anaconda—you know best. Better probably send in care of some comrade.

I am glad to get into Butte and hold a series of meetings. This will be more effective than otherwise.

Will phone you tomorrow.

With deepest appreciation of your comradeship I am your comrade

BEN F. WILSON.

P. S.—Will get the cards from Comrades Barton and Payne as you suggest. Will see them tomorrow. This will make it unnecessary for you to send me any more at present.

B. F. W.

P. S.—I forgot to say my Dillon meeting while a pioneer was quite encouraging. I had a good crowd who gave me an excellent hearing. Have several names of good socialists who will be glad to arrange a meeting and distribute literature for the cause. Will give you a more detailed report when I see you.

B. F. W.

Butte, June 14, '06.

Comrade Graham:

I wish I could have a talk with you tonight, for really, I am considerably perplexed with the situation here in Butte, and in fact I might say also, somewhat discouraged, or at least dispirited. The situation is peculiar. I am reaching immense crowds, really fill the street, and they give me the best of attention. But, my God! where are the comrades? There are not enough of them to even pass the hat for collection in the crowd. I know many do not, yet where are they, or what they mean I am unable to tell. A number have signed the application blanks for membership, yet it seems that the spirit of socialism does not possess those already members sufficiently to even extend a welcome to the new converts, let alone teach them more fully the revolutionary meaning of our movement.

I cannot report to you anything more than I have good crowds, deep interest, etc.,—but whether the men are afraid of their jobs, and therefore afraid to show where they stand, or what, I don't know. A few faithful comrades are encouraged with the results of the meetings, even enthusiastic, yet I can not say I am so hopeful or satisfied. It is slow work compared to what it ought to be, but I will deliver my heaviest blows despite all discouragements. This is the only thing I can do and I suppose it is the best thing to do.

Comrade B. A. C. Stone of Garnet sends in \$5 for a "Greater Montana News." He says: "We will never have true socialists without good reading and more education.. It is imperative."

Comrade Fuller of Missoula who always sends heavy orders of job work to the News sends in an order for 10 copies per week till after election. That's the way to get the enemy, comrades. There's no use in having a state paper printed unless you get it circulated where it will do some good.

Mrs. Wealeder of Great Falls sends us \$8.00 for the press fund that has been given by parties that don't want their names known. A lot of help can be gathered up this way. There are many people not openly associated with the socialist party who like a "periodical of protest." You want to leave no stone unturned, comrades. A free press is indispensable to a class fight.

Comrade Fry of Monarch helps in the following way. This faithful, gray-haired comrade has been 30 years in the movement. "Instead of subscribing for a new press direct I will pay for 10 subscriptions for six months. The money goes for the same cause, and does more good. Under the present system the farmers have not got the money to spare for a paper that will help their own emancipation." If all the comrades would help this way there would be no need of donations.

HELENA CARD PARTY.

On the evening of Miner's Union Day, June 13, Local Helena gave a card party in the parlors of the Workers' Club for the benefit of the Workers' Club. The Socialist Club has occupied the Workers' Club rooms without expense, and it was deemed no more than right to reciprocate in some useful way. The parlor was well filled with tables. The Workers' Club was giving a dance in the hall above, and the socialist ladies served supper for both festivals. The occasion proved most enjoyable, and a neat sum netted.

MURRAY KING'S REPORT.

Lewistown, June 12 '06.
Had a full house of good listeners at Garniel, thanks to the efforts of "Dutch" Barrows. There is enough socialism at this point to have a local but two things conspired to cause a postponement of organization—several socialists ripe for organization were unavoidably kept away and we were so late getting through with the regular meeting that we decided to leave the work of organization for Comrade Barrows to accomplish in a week or two which he will undoubtedly do.

Succeeded in organizing at Moore with seven applicants for a charter but failed to get a meeting. Enclosed is the application. I have told them you will send literature and instructions as to the work and method of procedure of locals. This is quite necessary. We combined the offices into two for the present. The secretary and treasurer, Chas. Malone, is a blacklisted A. R. U. striker. The organizer, John W. Nelson, is a socialist of several years standing and has been member of the Lewistown local up to date. The local is made up of good timber and something will be done in Moore from now on. Tell the boys in your letter to them what to do and just how to do it. A preacher occupied the only hall in Moore, and other circumstances combined against a meeting, but this point will be accessible to speakers hereafter. Enclosed is a sub from the secretary. Everybody I approach out here tells me he is taking the News.

Somehow I didn't get in as a regular speaker at the citizens' alliance circus at Gilt Edge tomorrow, but will have to be content with a little socialist side show in the evening. It is very peculiar that this glaring exhibition either of ignorant stupidity or scab proclivities shown by the miners of Gilt Edge comes at a time when the citizens' alliance are secretly getting alive here to do the unions up; for the alliance wave has just rolled up from Billings and things are doing in the "inner circle."

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If comrades and friends in other states desire to help in Idaho, they can send in their dollars and we can send to addresses of voters in this state.

The DAILY SOCIALIST Offer. For 85 cents, THE SOCIALIST (weekly) will be sent for the campaign and THE DAILY SOCIALIST will be sent one month of the trial whenever it begins.

Those who have already subscribed for THE DAILY SOCIALIST at the 75 cent rate, will receive the weekly during the campaign and one month of the Daily unless they expressly order otherwise.

We expect subscriptions for THE DAILY will come in right along on this special offer, as it puts THE DAILY on a 60 cents basis. Whenever the trial occurs and wherever occurs, THE DAILY SOCIALIST will be "on the spot." We want our necessary 3000 subscriptions all in by the time the trial begins, so we shall not have to delay a single day.

HERMAN T. TITUS,
Caldwell, Ida.

Comrade Burns has sent in six subs from Billings.

JOHN COLLINS AND THE STRENUOUS LIFE IN MONTANA.

Electric, Mont., June 13.
Sitting in this depot, just after coming down the mountain on foot, I received your letters and telegram with the names, and note what you say well. I usually let the comrades make the reports of the meetings. But I will give you my side of it.

At Billings I could not speak June 7 on account of bad weather. But on the 8th I had a fine street meeting. collection \$3.65. On the 9th we had a very good meeting on the outside.

Went to the hall and got eight new members, and then started them off right, but of course I cannot tell how long they will keep it going. The leaders of the union told me the socialists could have their hall every Saturday night for a dollar a meeting, and if they could not pay that much, why they would not put them out.

So I did all I could to get the movement in good shape. Went to Columbus Sunday morning and met John Hudson. Of course you told me he would meet me and drive me twenty miles into the country, but it was forty miles. It took us all day to get there, but it was all right. We had a good meeting. Collection \$3.75. We then drove to John's house to sleep. Got up the same morning at 6, left after breakfast, then I took a ride on a horse for a couple of miles on the ranch. First time I was ever on a horse in my life. Went to another meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon—I don't know where, but went.

Had a good crowd there also, collection \$3.25. Got to bed at 1:30 a. m., and gave him 35 cents to fix it at eight for Columbus, got to that town at six in the evening. Nothing done to get a meeting. I was burned up with the sun for it was only 100 in the shade. You ought to see my face, I had to go to a barber this morn outside so I did not speak. John was up. Could not get a hall in Columbus less than \$8.00, and there was no light outside so I did not speak. John was not with me or I think we would have had some kind of a meeting, and there were some comrades all the way from the first place (forty miles) to listen to me again, but they did not hear me make a speech: But I got them to sit down on the sidewalk with some others and I sat down beside them and talked to them until after ten. I then went to bed until one in the morning, then took the train at 1:30. Got to this town at 9:50. Went on the stage coach. They do not take passengers on the tram any more. Cost me 75 cents on the rig and when I got there Brockman was sick, and has been for some time. He says he did not get the bills for the meeting. And he and some other comrades said there was not enough time as the hall is rented every night in the week, except Sunday. So I left at 2 o'clock and I am now here waiting for a train for Gardner. There is no more Miner's Union Day on the 13th of June. I am, I hope, going to have a good night's sleep tonight, for the first time in a week. This John Hudson is a hummer. The next time I go back there I want you to let me stop for a week to fish and ride horseback.

A consignment has been received of new type and supplies in the job department of the News and the paper is now prepared to do better job work than ever. If the comrades want to boost a money maker to carry on the propaganda in the state they can do so by heading all the job work possible into this office. The work gives satisfaction and we pay the express.

SOCIALISM IN BILLINGS.

Comrade John Collins of Chicago, billed to speak in Billings Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7, 8 and 9 inst., returned from Red Lodge early Thursday evening, but owing to night being wet, cold and stormy, no meeting was held. Comrade Collins was an eye witness of the heartrending scenes attending the Red Lodge victims of capitalism being taken out dead from the coal mine, and on Friday night the graphic account he gave of same to a large audience at Minnesota ave and South 27th street will long be remembered.

The speech delivered by Comrade Collins on Friday night was "How are the Workers Robbed?" In a clear, ringing voice and convincing manner he traced the origin of capitalism, and laid bare the nature, cause and result of surplus value, much to the astonishment and edification of an unusually large and interested crowd.

The many questions which were fired at Comrade Collins were answered in a manner that amazed the questioners, and made quite a few realize that socialist speakers know what they talk about.

Papers sold Friday night "Montana News" \$4.00, collection \$3.66.

Saturday night, again cloudy and threatening, Comrade Collins spoke on "Organization" explaining why working men join the socialist party, the only working class party. This being for the present Comrade Collins' last night in Billings, the open air meeting was adjourned at 9 p. m. to the Labor hall for initiation of new members to socialist party; 8 names were added to list of Local Billings. Collection in hall 3.55, papers sold "Montana News" \$1.85.

Working men and women, socialists, attached or unattached to our party, hereafter the socialist party of America, Local Billings, will meet every Saturday night 8 p. m. sharp at Labor hall on 27th street between Montana Ave and 1st Ave North.

Billings, like all the rest of the United States is rampant with socialism; the air you breathe echoes it, awake, rouse ye lethargic members. Any office in Yellowstone County can easily be won by the socialist party if you only do your duty, namely attend its meetings, and share its burdens as well as its joys. Remember—everyone of you.—This means you—that socialism is the hope of the world, and it will come whether you help or not, quicker if you help, slower if you don't. Now, comrades, it's up to you, again. This means you.

THOMAS BURNS,
Organizer pro tem.

The socialist ladies of Great Falls are preparing to give a dance at Black Eagle Park for the News equipment fund.

Please see that the dues of the membership are paid up. Let every one make it his business to see that this is done. All dues—paid would alone get the state organization high and dry on easy street. The dues are insignificant. They should be doubled in Montana, as has already been done in Wisconsin and Iowa. Not one cent for tribute but millions for defense should be our cry.

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