

## Socialism's Reply

### Bishop Carroll

Address Delivered by Ida Crouch-Hazlett, Sunday Evening, April 12, in Parlors of Workers' Club---  
On Socialist Principles.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I am giving this talk to-night in re-  
pudiation of the false statements, the  
alms and calumny that have been  
heaped upon the socialists and the  
socialist philosophy by Bishop Carroll,  
the representative of the Catholics in  
this district.

It is not, and never has been the  
policy of the Socialist party to attack  
the religions of people unless some  
church made a deliberate attack upon  
the socialists.

Bishop Carroll has attacked us pre-  
meditatedly and maliciously, and the  
socialist movement must defend itself.  
We, who make such universal claims  
for our position, our philosophy and our  
program must substantiate our asser-  
tions before the eyes of the thinking  
and inquiring world. Socialism as a  
solution for injustice, poverty and ig-  
norance can only prevail in human so-  
ciety as the race becomes intelligent  
enough to substitute order and science  
in its material problems in place of  
chaos and ignorance. This is the  
claim that the socialist movement of  
the world makes, and it is supported by  
the scientific thought of the age.

The greatest names of the scientific  
world for the last fifty years, the  
economists, presidents of universities,  
the artists and the literary men and  
women whose names give glory to their  
nation on each side of the water, great  
reformers like Robert Owen, Jane  
Addams, J. Phelps Stokes and his wife,  
Rose Pastor, and his brother-in-law,  
Robert Hunter, of the university settle-  
ment workers, popular play-writers like  
Bernard Shaw and Ibsen, great teach-  
ers and professors, the gigantic intel-  
lects of the race, like Victor Hugo,  
Eugene Sue, William Morris, profes-  
sional religious advocates, both Catho-  
lic and Protestant—all of this magnifi-  
cent galaxy of genius and power we  
find arrayed on the side of the social-  
ist movement of the world.

#### Not Endorsed by Catholics.

Catholics, both of the priesthood and  
the laity, are rapidly espousing the  
cause of socialism, and when Bishop  
Carroll makes his attacks upon social-  
ism in the name of the Catholic church  
he is making an attack that the most  
intelligent Catholics in the world do  
not endorse.

The bishop's vicious onslaughts in  
Montana upon the socialists are of this  
nature:

Before a body of workers here in  
this room a few weeks ago he had the  
audacity to call socialism a "nefarious  
doctrine." He said, "There have  
of late come among us a number of  
teachers of a new doctrine, and the  
chief aim of these teachers is to abolish  
private property—take from the indus-  
trious and thrifty and give to the lazy  
and shiftless. According to the utter-  
ance of these teachers the working  
people are to be deprived of the fruits  
of their toil. This is a nefarious doc-  
trine. It is called socialism. I will  
say to the credit of the people of this  
mountain land that the erratic teach-  
ing of these leaders have influenced  
but a few in this state. The men and  
women here are too sensible and en-  
lightened to be trapped by the glaring  
exhortations of these apostles of error.  
This nefarious doctrine has found en-  
trance in the minds of a great many  
people in different countries and is  
threatening our glorious American in-  
stitutions of freedom and opportunity.  
Beware, my friends!

#### Great Praise to the Montanans.

It affords me great pleasure to state  
here that, as yet, so few men and  
women in Montana have been affected  
by the false teachings or allured by the  
hollow promises of this vicious theory,  
that I gladly record the prediction:  
Socialism and Anarchism will never  
prevail amongst us in Montana, and as  
the sun shines, first on the mountains,  
so the light of truth shines brightest  
in the men and women here. Out,  
down from the mountains you will have  
to go to the valleys east and west, to  
spread the true light among the people  
in the lower lands, less favored than  
you are.

No, my friends, you will not allow  
yourselves to be enticed by such mis-  
leading promises as these false apostles  
hold forth. I have read all of their  
books (assertion repeated) and I have  
found besides some right statements, a  
heap of falsehoods. Claims and asser-  
tions without foundation, in fact, reason.  
How would you like to share your

wealth you have produced and saved,  
with the lazy and unthrifty?"

In these words the bishop has under-  
taken to give an utterly false idea of  
the relation of the socialist attitude to  
private property.

Socialists stand for the abolition of  
private property truly, but only that  
which is used in the production of  
life's material goods. As the working  
class do not have any private owner-  
ship of this productive property it is  
an absurdity to state that the socialists  
wish to deprive them of it.

#### Consumable Private Property.

The only other sort of private prop-  
erty that exists is the property of con-  
sumption, such as food, clothing, fur-  
niture and the multitudinous things  
made for the use of the human being.  
No one ever heard from the lips of  
any socialist, or read in any socialist  
work that the socialists wished to de-  
prive the working class of this con-  
sumable property. On the contrary,  
the entire aim of the socialist effort  
is to give to every worker an abun-  
dant, full and overflowing of material  
needs and comforts, so as to free him  
from the slavery of spending his whole  
life in providing them. Our productive  
forces are now so able and gigantic  
that they are able to supply the ma-  
terial needs of the human race with a  
few hour's work for each individual  
a day. If the working people could  
own the productive machinery they  
could supply themselves with an  
abundance of these necessities.

#### Claims Has Read All Books.

The bishop claims he has read all  
the socialist books. If such is the case  
why does he make such an outrageous  
misstatement of the socialist position?  
He knows that in not a single book  
can he find such a distorted application  
of the abolition of private property;  
hence his statements are only for the  
purpose of misleading the people and  
falsifying the position of the socialists  
in the eyes of the public.

Moreover, the present system of cap-  
italist production, which the socialists  
oppose, is guilty of the very mode of  
procedure which the bishop attributes  
to the socialists. It strips from the  
working class the total product of their  
toil, except what will sustain a mis-  
erable and ignorant existence, and be-  
stows it upon a parasitic, useless and  
unproductive capitalist class, to sus-  
tain them in idleness and luxury.  
Socialism will indeed put an end to  
this robbery of the producer, the right-  
ful owner of the product of his toil.  
**Fears Spread of Socialism in Montana.**

It is rather amusing the way the  
bishop hastens to congratulate Mont-  
ana on not taking up with that  
specter, socialism, the fact of the mat-  
ter is, that Montana has the highest per-  
cent socialist vote in the union; and its  
excellent organization of the party, and  
the number of socialists holding office,  
the forced combination of the cap-  
italist parties against us, have excited  
the wonder and alarm of all adherents  
and sustainers of the present unjust  
and impotent political and economic  
system. The truth of the matter is  
that Bishop Carroll would never have  
bothered his head about the socialists  
in Montana had he not seen that their  
rising power was an adversary worthy  
for the great Roman church to com-  
bat.

#### Socialism and Anarchy.

With what has ever been but a  
coward's refuge the bishop links the  
names of socialism and anarchy to-  
gether in a common odium as subjects  
devoutly to be avoided. He shows in  
every word that by anarchy he means  
the doctrine of the bomb-thrower.  
Now, if the bishop is so well read in  
the literature of economic systems, let  
him show in just one book where an-  
archy anywhere advocates the use of  
murder and violence in attaining its  
ends. This unwarranted stigma that  
has been cast upon the anarchist doc-  
trine, and is being spread broadcast  
over the country by the capitalist  
sheets at present, has not a single  
reason for its devious persistence ex-  
cept the fear that capitalist society  
possesses that its power and its plunder  
shall be taken from it through the dis-  
semination of the ideas of freedom and  
protest against established authority.  
Anarchists advocate education, peace  
and freedom purely along the lines of  
utter condemnation of existing society.  
They know as well as the socialists do

that an enlightened social state can be  
brought about in no other way.

The socialists disagree with the an-  
archists in their solution of the social  
problem, but not in its analysis.  
Socialists stand for an organized and  
constructive program. But Bishop Car-  
roll's purpose is to brand us all indis-  
criminately as bomb-throwers, and he  
knows he is hiding behind a shameful  
and unmanly subterfuge when he does  
it. He will not meet us like a man  
and sustain his false position before us,  
but he backs at our heels when our  
back is turned.

#### Challenged Throughout the Country.

We have sent challenges to Bishop  
Carroll to meet the socialists whom  
he so valiantly maligns, and sustain  
his accusations when they are there  
to reply. But he will not fight in the  
open—only maintains a gorilla warfare  
when he thinks he is protected by  
ambush.

This is the method adopted by the  
Catholic priesthood all over the coun-  
try in fighting the socialists. They  
have been challenged for their baseless  
attacks in city after city; but they al-  
ways fail to respond. Their conscious-  
ness of truth and sincerity may be  
judged when they refuse to take the  
stand of courage for their convictions.

#### Said Socialists Have No Platform.

During the progress of our munici-  
pal campaign this priest stated in the  
Auditorium that the socialists had no  
platform. As the platform of the  
socialist party was, and always is,  
spread broadcast, as we are the only  
party that has a perpetual and definite  
platform, the malicious falsehood was  
so palpable that Catholics in the au-  
dience were on the point of getting up  
and denouncing it at once. The social-  
ist party is the only party that always  
knows what its platform is. The  
bishop himself can give no slightest  
linking of what the democratic and  
republican platforms will be this fall.  
They will be whatever the politicians  
decide to be the greatest vote catch-  
ers. Such a dishonest method to  
undermine an opponent is unworthy of  
the cheapest pious politician, let  
alone the mighty magnate of a great  
religious hierarchy.

#### Materialist Basis Beastly.

The bishop does not neglect the old  
tomb-smelling argument which the de-  
fendants of religious dogmas have  
never failed to throw at progressive  
thought and the onward march of sci-  
ence. He states that the basis of the  
socialist philosophy is a materialist  
one, that this is beastly and degrades  
man to the brute, with various and  
 manifold lamentations of the loss of  
the spiritual estate and the consequent  
degradation of humanity. The social-  
ists freely admit that the basis of their  
activity is a materialist one. With con-  
fessures as to immaterial existences, we  
are not concerned while propagating  
the science of economic welfare. But  
when the padre undertakes to say that  
it is beastly to be employed on ways  
and means to bring about a better  
material existence the reply that social-  
ism throws back to him is that the  
greatest degradation conceivable ex-  
ists among human beings to-day be-  
cause a decent material existence is  
not possible to them under the shame-  
less consequences of capitalist society.

As Vandervelde said, the terrible  
trinity that is ravaging the working  
class is alcoholism, syphilis, and tuber-  
culosis. As these are all diseases that  
are enhanced by filth, want, and a  
low standard of living the socialist  
asks of a candid world, which is the  
more beastly, to remain in the condi-  
tions of this material degradation,  
or to arrange the material conditions  
according to science and system, so  
that ordered and rational production  
shall give physical comfort, develop-  
ment and opportunity to all?

Despotic and brutal indeed must be  
the will that would oppose socialism  
on the ground that it concerns itself  
with the material basis of life.

#### Service of Catholic Church to the Working Class.

At the close of his lecture the Bishop  
took pains to emphasize the service the  
Catholic church had performed to the  
working class. He said it had lifted  
them out of the darkness of slavery  
into the light of freedom.

We would ask the father what  
single event in history he would point  
to as evidence that the church has  
sustained the working class against its

oppressors. The Catholic church has  
always been the ally of powers, poten-  
tates and principalities. All the reli-  
gions of state have been the reli-  
gions of kings. Whenever the op-  
pressor was engaged against the prole-  
tariat the church fought on the side of  
the master, as it does to-day. And it  
is simple folly to talk of it having  
lifted the working class out of slavery.  
Look at the pitiful child slaves in the  
coal breakers of the anthracite regions.  
Look at the diseased and drawn child  
frames by the thousand in the prison  
hells of the cotton factories of the  
South. No one ever heard of the  
Catholic church lifting its voice against  
any of these atrocities upon labor. No,  
the Catholic church fights on the  
other side, on the side of the masters  
and profit grabbers against childhood  
and womanhood, virtue and happiness.

#### Historic Enemy of Progress.

The Catholic church through one  
long, unbroken march of history has  
always opposed progressive thought.  
Against every discovery of science it  
has been opposed by the ban of ecclesi-  
astical proclamation. Through the ages  
it has disputed every inch of territory  
claimed by the discoveries of the hu-  
man intellect. It opposed the helio-  
centric system, burned Bruno at the  
stake, tortured Galileo and then veered  
around and wrote hundreds of volumes  
to deny that it had taken the position  
of ignorance and oppression against  
intelligence.

It has presented a continuous ob-  
stacle to advancing and liberal educa-  
tion, and has been the most bitter op-  
ponent of the public school system,  
proceeding on the principle that if it  
can but control the minds of the grow-  
ing generations it is easy to make  
slaves of the adults.

#### Capitalism Relies Upon It.

The commercial magnates realize  
that the church is their most valuable  
ally. Representatives of the repub-  
lican and democratic parties have  
openly declared that the church of  
Rome will be the bulwark against the  
onward tide of economic revolution.  
The prophecy was established on the  
throne of the Caesars and inherited the  
ambition for universal empire.

It is in America that the Catholic  
church is making its last grand struggle  
for imperial domination. In the com-  
ing conflict between the old and the  
new the papacy will stand with the  
conservative element. Progress means  
its death knell. Its dogmas cannot  
endure the test of scientific analysis.

Socialism is the triumph of democ-  
racy and the Catholic church is the  
relic of feudalism. The church has  
ever maintained the divine right of  
kings and the divine institution of  
castes. Archbishop Quigley of Chicago  
said that socialism must be crushed in  
this land and the public schools must  
be abolished if the American republic  
was to endure.

The church knows its enemy, and  
socialism must recognize in the power  
of Rome, driven from the courts of its  
ancient empire across the seas, the  
most redoubtable allegiance upon which  
threatened capitalism depends.

Fighting on every side and with  
every party the church will endeavor  
to make the working people think it is  
their sincerest friend, until when a few  
billionaires control the means of life,  
and the workers see at last where their  
true enemy is entrenched, they shall  
desert its temples of betrayal, and as  
necessity compels them to swell the  
ranks of the revolutionists, economic  
liberty and science will ring the death  
knell forever of superstition and the  
alleged authority of supernatural  
edicts.

#### Marie Spiridonowa.

All comrades will be rejoiced to  
hear of the escape of Marie Spiri-  
donowa from the prison of Akatov.

It will be remembered that this is  
the courageous Russian girl who was  
captured when attempting the life of  
one of the Czar's arch-butchers. She  
was most brutally treated, being kicked  
and beaten and dragged by the hair to  
a back which conveyed her to the local  
jail where she was flung into a cell  
and "questioned" by two Cossack of-  
ficers who stripped her and burnt her  
with their cigar stumps, and kicked  
and beat her to the length of knock-  
ing one of her eyes out. Thence she  
was conveyed by train to another  
prison, being outraged and further  
abused on the way by one of these  
"noble defenders of their country."  
It is some satisfaction to know that  
both these beauties met their just  
deserts shortly after at the hands of the  
revolutionists. Now that she has  
escaped we can only fervently hope  
that she will not again fall into the  
clutches of the Little Father and his  
minions and will, wherever she goes,  
meet with all help and succor.

Socialism is the collective owner-  
ship of the masses of the production  
and distribution of wealth.

It is a systematic method of carry-  
ing on the industries of the world.

## LABOR DECOYS! FREE LANCE!

### INJUNCTION VICTIMS YIELD TO AMALGAMATED BLANDISH- MENTS.

### WORKERS PAY FAKIRS TO BOOST DEMOCRATS

### Republicans and Socialists Get Some Hard Knocks, On the Other Hand, Democrats Are Boosted.

The first number of a new "labor"  
paper is at hand. It is called the  
"Free Lance" and is published at  
Butte. Butte, the seething corrup-  
tion center for years, of the boldest  
fake labor contortions of the West is  
now giving unmistakable evidence of  
another series of "labor" pains, and  
appearances indicate that her loath-  
some spawn is to again be ejected over  
the misguided working men of Mont-  
ana.

This "Free Lance" is "edited" by  
Wm. Cutts. E. C. Shields is the "ad-  
vertising manager."

Now, let us see just where we are  
at in this proposition. Cutts has just  
got out of jail, from serving three  
months under Judge Hunt's injunction,  
issued to crush the telephone strike.

Cutts is the business agent of the  
Carpenters' union and draws \$6 a day  
for his services. In addition to his  
90 days as a felon in the Helena  
bastille Judge Hunt put a fine of \$250  
upon him, which the Carpenters' union  
came over to Helena and paid.

Shields draws \$170 a month as the  
business agent of the Clerks' union at  
Butte.

The "Free Lance" announces itself  
with much braggadocio as "non-parti-  
san." But palpably at once, in the  
only visible efforts that can be de-  
tected as a "policy," there is an at-  
tack upon the republican party  
through its injunction judges, and an  
attack upon the Socialist party.

The republican injunction judges are  
bitterly denounced and held up as an  
awful example to the ballots of the  
working class; but with curious retic-  
ence nothing whatever is said about  
democratic injunction Judge Fox of  
Billings, who has issued the most  
mandatory and despotic pronuncia-  
mentos of one-man power, ever pre-  
sumed upon as a defiance of popular  
rule in the history of the republic.

These injunctions have been issued  
at Billings while the Butte men were  
in jail. They were issued against the  
Montana State Federation of Labor,  
its officers, and the unions of Billings,  
Red Lodge and Bear Creek, in the  
telephone strike, and organized labor  
was given no chance to defend itself.

But this does not cover the out-  
rages and the ravings of the Billings  
judge against organized labor. He  
comes to the capitalist bat again with  
a second injunction a few days ago.  
This time it is against the Bartenders'  
union and Billings Trades and Labor  
Assembly because they refused to drink  
beer handled by scab bartenders. No  
hearing was allowed on this at all; the  
injunction was issued without the  
union men knowing anything about it  
or having any chance to plead a protest  
before the court.

Shades of the guarantees of freedom  
in this country! Judge Fox is the  
first democratic judge who has issued  
a dictum against organized labor in  
the Northwest.

The "Free Lance" further dis-  
tinguishes itself by attacking the  
Montana News, the only paper in the  
state that defended the jailed men,  
editor Cutts included.

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## EUROPE'S PROGRESS

### UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DECLARES BOYCOTT CRIM- INAL CONSPIRACY.

### SELF-PROTECTION SAYS GERMAN COURT

### Imperial Judge Justifies Action of Working Class Which Repub- lican Tribunal Condemns as a Crime.

The latest decisions of the supreme  
court of the United States have de-  
clared the boycott illegal, have tried to  
strike from the hands of the working  
class organizations a weapon which is  
absolutely indispensable to them in  
their struggles for the welfare of their  
class.

When the highest judicial tribunal of  
our republic disarms the workers in  
this manner, when the same action ap-  
plied by workers against capitalists is  
declared criminal conspiracy, which  
used by capitalists against workers is  
calmly regarded as legal—if all this,  
as we have said, takes place in the  
republic, what is to be said in this  
respect to the monarchies and despot-  
isms of Europe?

It is very timely that just recently  
in the empire of Kaiser Wilhelm a  
case of boycott was taken to the su-  
preme court. In Mulhausen, in Elsass,  
the workmen had declared a boy-  
cott against two landlords who were  
not willing to place their halls at the  
disposal of the socialists. The boycott  
was effective and the landlords turned  
to the courts. The supreme court  
judge at Colmar refused the appeal.  
In his decision he declared explicitly:  
"The landlords are not legally bound  
to grant the use of the halls, but the  
members of the party, on the other  
hand, are not bound to further the ma-  
terial interests of the landlord, when  
by the refusal of the halls they are  
opposed to the interests of the party.  
If under such circumstances a party  
or a political association boycotts a  
landlord in order to force him to com-  
ply with their desires, this constitutes  
no attack upon good morals, but an  
act of justified self-protection."

An imperial judge in the German  
Empire declares the boycott "an act  
of justified self-protection" of the  
workers. The Republican supreme  
court of the United States sees in it  
a "criminal conspiracy," which shall  
be paid for with the property not only  
of the union, but of every member of  
the union.

Where, then, is the boasted Ameri-  
can freedom for the workers of  
America? In the monarchy the  
weapons which economic development  
gives into the hands of the working  
class are recognized by law, their use  
granted. In the republic they are  
struck from its hands also by the law,  
and their use declared a crime.

This would seem to be the act of a  
monarchy, if the workers of America  
themselves were not to blame. In the  
German Empire we see the working  
class united in a great party which  
protects their interests and which here  
and there receives consideration even  
from the courts. In America the work-  
ers do not even know that they have  
special interests to preserve on the  
political field. They run after their  
old political gods, are therefore politi-  
cally powerless as workers and are  
treated accordingly with contempt.

There is good ground for the workers  
being treated in step-mother fashion  
worse by the republic than the  
monarchy.—Editorial in the New  
Yorker Volkszeitung, translated for  
the Worker.

## ANOTHER COMMERCIAL FAKE

### Homes and Lives Endangered by Shoddy Contract Work for Profit on Hauser Lake Dam

The breaking of the great Hauser  
Lake dam, worth \$2,500,000, and the  
flooding of vast reaches of land and  
endangering lives and property, is the  
latest commentary on commercialism's  
inability to serve the purposes of civi-  
lization. The dam broke because of  
the shoddy contract work that was  
done on it—every fellow from the  
biggest guy down trying to graft  
the biggest possible profit off the  
job. Strength, power, massive, time-  
defying solidity—all sacrificed to the  
miserable greed of profit mongers.  
But the most melancholy comment on  
the accident is that even the capitalist  
papers are breathing a relieful sigh  
that the rebuilding of the dam will fur-  
nish WORK FOR IDLE MEN.

Great civilization isn't it, where the  
only way to feed the hungry is by the

destruction of the intricate product of  
labor already produced?

Yes, fires, cyclones, floods, whole-  
sale destruction give a chance for the  
miserable and famishing to get a part  
of the product that they must create  
again for those who will make profit  
off of it.

Why in the name of common sense  
haven't the people got sense enough  
to form a government and build their  
own dams, and own them after they  
build them, and put the water on the  
land and have plenty for all, without  
the grace of either God or Governor  
Hauser? Then there would be no  
object in shirking good work to make  
more work and profit.

But that would be socialism, and  
people would rather die and starve  
than have that.



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WHAT SHALL OUR PLATFORM BE?

The platform for our national campaign, that will be formulated by the National convention, has elicited considerable comment from the socialist press of the country. This comment has been confined mostly to the platforms suggested by Comrades Work and Hilquit. The International Socialist Review says that there are two courses open: "We can make a vote-catching platform, to allure as many as possible of our 'natural allies'...

In all the discussion there has been no suggestion of a tangible, constructive tactic that we might go before the main body of the workers in this country and command their allegiance and co-operation.

A recent writer states that the "radicals" in the American socialist movement are "enslaved to abstract ideas." Edmund Kelly, in the current number of the Review, says: "There is, among the majority of trade union men in America, an aversion to socialism which, however unfounded, socialists must recognize as an undoubted and deplorable fact."

The writer goes on to say that co-operation between the socialists and the trade unions does not seem to be possible outside of Wisconsin, and mentions other points where it is notably impossible, and where working men "can hardly speak of socialism without irritation."

What the American socialist movement needs is an objective issue to endow it with vitality. We rally in defense of no definite danger. We point to a far-off, impossible, future goal, and completely ignore the yawning impassable chasm before.

Have we nothing to offer to the American working class but classic sentences from our works on philosophy regarding the interpretation of history, as Comrade Kerr suggests?

Organized labor is practical. Labor deals with the tangible and positive. It must have a definite objective point to work towards in the way of a serious obstacle in its environment that must and can be overcome. And if it does not have this objective point it is, "Not any for Jack."

It is not because definite objects of alarm do not exist in the pathway of a progressive consciousness and activity on the part of labor that the socialist party does not deal with them boldly, courageously and effectually.

The outrageous and unconstitutional decisions that are being handed down by the American courts against organized labor, its strikes, its treasuries, its boycotts, and which are similar to the English court decisions of seventy-five years ago, before the government discovered that it must relax its combination laws or be in danger, are certainly sufficient to call for united, aggressive, political class action, such as the Taff-Vale decision called forth in Britain.

For organized labor to sit down tamely under the injunction atrocities of the past year and not use a united class ballot to rattle the thrones and the bones of the legal prostitutes that do the bidding of their capitalist masters, is simply to show a maudlin cowardice and stupidity.

But the socialist party must lead the way. It is the logical political expression of the working class. Organized labor waits for the socialist party to show it what to do.

The question is—Shall we still be abstract philosophers, or shall we come

down from the clouds and get into the muck?

A decisive and vigorous political move against the injunction, on a socialist platform, would probably make organized labor see that we had some interest in it.

The American socialist movement is good—there is no doubt about that; what it needs now is to be good for something.

NO SOCIALISM HERE.

Relative to the editorial that appeared in last week's News referring to the political policy of the Western Federation of Miners, we have the following letter from a prominent member of the Socialist party at Wallace, Idaho:

"Much as we would like to hear D. Burgess it does not seem possible with the arrangements we have made. On account of the hostile action of the leaders of the W. F. of M. we socialists are forced to fight harder. There is only the Finnish local at Mullan and the local here at Wallace at present, but what there is is good to the finish. So Local Wallace is not collecting and assessing the members 50 cents per month for April and May. We engaged Geo. W. Harrington, a schoolteacher, at \$2.00 per, and expenses to organize the county and visit every precinct and bring into line every live socialist for the campaign. Then the only hall we can get costs \$15.00 a night and street talk is out of the question these rainy days. So Wallace members can not afford hall lectures right now, but if Burgess has to lie over one night anyhow, then he can stop at Mullan. The Finns have part ownership in a hall there so that is free for them. Let me hear about it. Finnish local meets Sunday."

LECTURES.

The lecture by Mrs. Hazlett at the Workers' club next Sunday evening will be on "Injunction Despotism" (See Semper Transis). Good vocal music is being furnished at these lectures.

On Sunday night, May 3, Mr. James Harmon will speak on "Fools". Mr. Harmon is a good speaker, is well posted on socialism and at one time was secretary of Local Seattle.

The capitalist papers are making much of a reported visit of Dr. H. M. McCracken, chancellor of New York university, to King Haakan of Norway, during which his kingship spoke of a colony of socialists in the northern part of his kingdom. The king related with great gusto how these men believed in "dividing up," and how he stamped them by asking them if they would divide up again every five minutes as new children were born. It is almost unbelievable that that such imbecile drivel should be repeated today as any even ordinarily intelligent person's conception of socialism. And yet the same report states that Chancellor McCracken considers Haakan's knowledge of political economy "sufficient to qualify him for a professorship in an American university."

If his kingship instead of restricting his observations on socialism to a small, poverty-stricken colony of ignorant men, would take note of the big vote the socialist party is polling throughout his kingdom he might be better qualified for practical statesmanship if not for American universities.

The Helena Independent, in giving an interview with a politician relative to the labor vote in Montana states: "As for the socialist vote—that will be cast for the socialist candidate, and therefore need not be taken into account in determining the presidential electors for Montana."

If the socialist teaching in Montana has done nothing else it has taught our opponents that we do not support capitalist parties.

How Socialism Grows.

Socialism grows apace in Italy, and its triumphs are not simply won in the towns, but also among the agricultural laborers. A few days ago there was held at Reggio d' Emilia the third Socialist Agricultural Congress. Four hundred delegates were present, representing about 106,153 members, and from their reports it is plain that the next congress will witness a very great increase in the number of Italian socialists. There are over five and one-half million workers on the land in Italy, as compared with two and one-half millions in the towns; but even the herculean task of influencing these "voiceless millions" is looked upon as by no means a hopeless one.

Important improvements in our job department enable us to put out much better work and much more expeditiously than formerly. There are lots of odd jobs you can pick up if you rustle. Send them along.

Do you know of anything better to put the capitalist nose out of joint than a paper to tell the workers' side of the story? How about disposing of 10 half-yearly sub cards for the Montana News at 25 cents apiece?

IDAHO

THOS. J. COONROD, State Secretary, Emmett, Idaho.

Local Russell reports three new members in March.

Local Rathdrum sends \$1.00 donation. Thanks.

Local Emmett admitted three new members April 5.

Kootenai county comrades will hold their convention at Harrison, August 29th.

David K. Egbert of Fairview writes a very encouraging letter from Oneida county.

There is talk of organizing an Italian branch of Local Pocatello.

Comrade I. F. Street, a member-at-large, has sent in an application for a charter for local in his neighborhood. Who will be next.

Comrade John M. Work reports the applications of locals Midvale and Weiser for reinstatement and one new member at Meridian, ten at Boise and three at Nampa for membership at large.

Local Riggins reports one new member for March and orders Red Cards, and the secretary says: "Without a doubt we will be able to carry this precinct this fall. Forest reserve, cheap wool and cattle have stamped the republicans in bad shape in this locality."

As Idaho is entitled to three delegates to National convention the following will indicate the ones elected, it being the vote cast for delegates: E. Untermaun..... 227 E. L. Rigg..... 138 John Chenoweth..... 132 D. C. Coates..... 132 D. J. O'Mahoney..... 87 A. W. Judd..... 71 Quincy Baldwin..... 50 Lewis Sell..... 8

SOCIALIST STATE HEADQUARTERS, EMMETT, IDAHO.

March Financial Report, 1908. Receipts from Locals.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes Atlanta, Bellgrove, Boise, Bonners Ferry, Caldwell, Carlin Bay, Coeur d'Alene, Council, Clearwater, Elmira, Elo, Emmett, Falks Store, Florence, Fraser, Harrison, Harris Ridge, Kookkia, Lewiston, Orofino, Melrose, Meridian, Middleton, Mullan, Nez Perce, Plouse, Pocatello, Pine, Rathdrum, Rigby, Rupert, Russell, Star, Sities, Tahoe, Wallace, Members-at-large, Donations-Miscellaneous.

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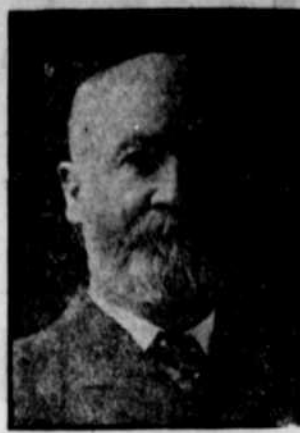
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Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Balance on hand, 3-1-'08, Total, Expended, Balance on hand, 4-1-'08, Liabilities, National office, dues, National office, special stamps, National office, Del. expense.

Total \$248.97, Summary of Receipts \$90.70, Expended \$248.97, Balance on hand, 4-1-'08 \$119.31, Liabilities \$3.10, National office, special stamps \$20.63, National office, Del. expense \$120.00, Total \$143.75

Fraternally submitted, THOS. J. COONROD, State Secretary-Treasurer, Socialist Party, Idaho.

The socialists chalked up some more victories in the recent elections in Norway. In Christiania the new city council will be composed of 27 socialists, against 57 of the other parties, and the total increase in the socialist vote was 25 per cent. In Bergen 24 socialists were elected to 53 of all the other parties. In 12 smaller towns 103 socialists were elected.



D. BURGESS

Now Touring Idaho in the Interests of the Montana News

Burgess' Report.

Coeur d'Alene, Ida., April 19.

I reached this place late last night, and found that nothing had been done to have a meeting, but at 7:30 we proceeded to one of the public streets and held a meeting. There were 200 people assembled at the close of the meeting, and many questions were asked. The socialists insisted on my staying, and not being sure of your plans at Wallace, I consented to remain for one more meeting.

I think that the collection must have amounted to three dollars. It seems that since a meeting of the local that was held in February, it has not been possible to get a quorum together, and as a result, the comrades seem to be discouraged.

I have not been able to see many of the comrades today, but hope to get to see them tonight. This is a pleasure resort, and I find that such places are slow to accept the teachings of socialism.

At such places the comrades shrink from the ostracism that is likely to follow avowed attachment to the Socialist party.

I got a bundle of papers at this office and a package of twenty sub cards.

29th.—I had a good meeting last night. Comrades seemed to be exultant, but they lack proper motive, it seems to me, for although they have had as many as 100 names on the roll, they are not able to hold a business meeting. I secured four subs—collection was \$6.90, and I was paid \$9.00.

I shall start for Burke in a few minutes. I met a number of socialists here who are acquainted at Wallace and Burke, and they have advised me to go to Burke first.

I would follow instructions if I could be sure of what they are. I shall stop off at Wallace and try to find out all I can.

No doubt that I shall get specific instructions at one of the places that you have named.

Yours in the Social Revolution, D. Burgess.

To the Editor "The News":—On Sunday evening I addressed an audience of between three and four thousand people in the streets of Spokane. My purpose was to announce a hall meeting, but just as I was preparing for this, a platoon of police bore down upon the audience and completely routed them! Clubs were freely brandished, but I am not informed that any one was seriously hurt in the rush that followed.

The masters of this town are alarmed at the progress that our cause is making. In their fright, they do the very thing that they ought not to do. In the audience that had assembled there were representatives from many of the surrounding towns, and these will carry the news of the brutality and fright of the masters to their respective communities. This is good propaganda for us.

D. BURGESS.

LABOR DECOYS! FREE LANCE!

(Continued from Page 1.)

The fact of the whole matter is that the "Free Lance" is not a free lance at all. It is a pure and simple scheme of the labor fakirs of Montana, who have lent themselves to the capitalist conspirators to swing the democratic party into control in this state, and hoodwink the working class into thinking such a vote will be in their interest. In other words it is the fine Italian hand, the old fox cunning of the Amalgamated company, endeavoring to control every legal outlet, every government office in the state of Montana by which the working class could have any possible freedom of action.

The Amalgamated knows that the republican party has no chance in Montana this fall because of the outrageous, unconstitutional and usurping decisions of federal Judge Hunt. The republican bosses know this; Roosevelt knows it; Taft knows it.

How then can the Amalgamated control its Montana laborers? Through the democratic party of course, and the old scheme must be used to make the working class pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the Amalgamated monkey.

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the millions of fools to the paradise of salvation.

This un-socialistic spirit, which killed the S. L. P. and completely separated and isolated the DeLeonites from the general labor movement, is to some extent still alive in the Socialist party, although it has never found any general official expression or recognition. It is the Super-Socialist, the Super-Revolutionist, who is peeping out of every chapter of The Iron Heel. As a socialist novel the book is a failure. Nevertheless, we advise the socialists to read it, so they can convince themselves that even great authors may sometimes make serious blunders.

Over twenty years ago, when the trade union movement was young and weak, and when the socialist movement existed in name only, Edward Bellamy gave us his "Looking Backward," which, at that time, was an epoch-making contribution to American socialist literature. A year or two later Ignatius Donnelly published his "Caesar's Column," a story picturing a state of anarchy and reign of terror, resulting from the present capitalist misrule and exploitation of labor.

Both of these works were remarkable publications in those days. Today they would hardly be noticed, because we have since produced considerable socialist literature in the English language, and something better is expected to-day. Has Jack London given us something better in "The Iron Heel"? Decidedly not.—Labor.

The above is from the St. Louis socialist paper, one of the leading periodicals in the American socialist movement.

It has become the fashion of the socialist press in this country to laud to the skies everything that is put out by a socialist firm, or that has the name of a socialist attached to it, indiscriminately of its merit.

John Spargo, perhaps the greatest literary critic in our party, writes of the "Iron Heel" as follows in the "International Socialist Review":

"It is an unfortunate book, and I am by no means disposed to join those of our comrades who hail it as a great addition to the literature of socialist propaganda. The picture is well-calculated to repel many whose addition to our forces is sorely needed. It gives a new impetus to the old and generally discarded cataclysmic theory, it tends to weaken the political socialist movement by discrediting the ballot and to encourage the chimerical and reactionary notion of physical force, so alluring to a certain type of mind. As a statement of the cataclysmic theory and an argument against political action it is worthy the careful study of every student of socialism."



Poet's Corner

EQUALITY.

W. E. Hanson, Lewistown, Mont.  
Just list to the preacher telling,  
Of the poor hungry heathen abroad,  
Who dwell in despair and darkness,  
Whose religion is base, glaring fraud,  
To them must the truth be carried,  
Of God and His wonderful love,  
Of His justice and mercy unbounded,  
Which He sends from His home up above!

They bow to their images graven,  
Or molded from silver and gold,  
Their priests on the ignorant living,  
While the poor die of famine and cold.  
How they pray for the poor foolish heathen,  
And pray for the Kingdom to come!  
And that God in His wisdom will bless them,  
While they're blind to the heathen at home.

Right at home we have plenty of heathen,  
Far worse than the heathen abroad,  
Who bring sacrifice to the altar,  
Wealth is heaven and Gold is its God!  
Wealth is the priest as exacting,  
As ever was Shylock of old,  
The lives of the wage slave it offers,  
To their favorite God of Gold.

All around and about us are heathen,  
As benighted as those far away,  
Yet no preacher with tears and emotion  
Cares a whit for this poor common clay.

Not at home—but abroad where they worship  
Their idols of wood and of stone,  
With the dollar sign ever before him,  
There the work of salvation is done.

Why sneer at the heathen deluded?  
Their religion is true as our own!  
We bow to wealth and position,  
They bow to their idols of stone,  
They sacrifice lives to their idols,  
We sacrifice lives for gold,  
Their religion is filled with emotion,  
While ours is heartless and cold.

Lo, look as you may at the matter,  
When all is over and past,  
Like leaves we will fall from the branches,  
And be all on a level at last.  
And the heathen who worships his idol,  
And the Christian who worships his God,  
Unequal in life and religion—  
Are equal beneath the sod.

Additional State News

The plan for extra work in Missoula county is beginning to bring in results already. Comrade Chuning reports a couple of dollars sent in to the county fund. Socialists rally to this work. Liberty is worth an effort. Comrade Burgess, who will go thoroughly over Missoula is one of the finest men for this work in the country.

Comrade John Powers of Billings is a genius in the socialist party. He is a rare genius because he has what the socialist party is almost devoid of in the West—system. He sends Comrade Graham a list of the members of Local Billings, and says: "A scheme of mine is to be tried. Please indicate what members take the News, and then I will go after those that do not, and if you have any plan of going after them you can do the same. Our next regular meeting of the local will be Sunday, April 26, 8 p. m. I will do all I can for the News. You will hear from me about April 28."

From Comrade Peters of Red Lodge: "Enclosed find check for \$17.85 for special convention assessment. This amount includes payment for the 45 stamps you sent me for the Finn local. Will probably have a little more to send later on, when I get straightened out. The campaign has kind of upset me. There have been so many subscriptions taken lately that I hated to go after some of them too strong. We lost another comrade here. He died last Saturday night of pneumonia. He was our candidate for alderman in the third ward. His name was J. B. Alberty. He was an Austrian and had been in the movement for over 25 years."

Comrade J. M. Wilhoit writes from Holly, Colorado: "Your valuable paper is as much to me or more so than the bible. I think I am in arrears. I have been trying to get up a club of ten for the News."

Socialists are plentiful in this locality. They were hard to find when you were here. I drove over to Harmony district a few days ago to see some of the farmers. All had come over to where one man was at work and were seated on the plowed ground. I thought I would drive over to them and see what they were talking about. When I came near they all began to howl. "Here comes another one of them undesirable citizens," and I found that all of them were socialists. We have a meeting every two weeks at the old schoolhouse where I first heard you speak and you told us what socialism was. We have a few over 40 members here in this locality.

The unemployed in this country are very numerous. The streets and lanes are full of them seeking employment. Still the good men of the G. O. P., and of the democratic party say there is plenty of work for everyone if they will just go out and look for it."

International

Socialist Victory in Austrian-Poland.

In the election to the Galicia Landtag (assembly)—Polish party of Austria—in the cities, the following parties elected their men: 14 Democrats, 4 Social-Democrats, 4 Conservatives, 1 German-Nation. In view of the fact that the wage earners have no right to vote, the election of four socialists is significant; the agitation having to be carried into the small storekeepers and property holders paying direct taxes. Yes, even Poland is waking up.

Germany.

The capitalist press are furious because the women socialists have called on the women to imitate the governing classes and to make use of the fact that the voting in the Prussian Landtag elections is public to find out who vote for their opponents, and, where such people are shopkeepers dependent on working class custom, to boycott them just as capitalists sack workers who vote Socialist. Good idea! We may be certain the secret voting will soon come.

The Horrors of Russia.

Words are powerless to describe the horrors both in town and country in Russia. All the prisons are crowded with suspects. The goal at Tschigwin, which was built to receive 66, now holds no less than 200 occupants. At Simferopol there are 500 instead of 250; and at Tschernigoff 450 instead of 100. Overcrowding brings its direful consequences in prison, as in slum. Typhoid fever has made some of these houses of detention as revolting and loathsome as was the Black Hole of Calcutta. In desperation some of the prisoners—men who a few months ago were dreaming of some socialist commonwealth of the future—have committed suicide, while others, revolting against their oppressors, have met their death on the scaffold.

Even face to face with these lazar houses of death the socialists continue to work on. There is evidence that the Army itself has been successfully influenced by the fervour of the revolutionary party. Last Friday 22 socialist soldiers of the Artillery of the Guard were brought before a court-martial. Along with them was tried the daughter of a lieutenant-colonel, and at one stage of the proceedings a dramatic incident occurred. "Throw away your epaulettes," she cried out to the prisoners around her; and on hearing her command they, with one accord, took these ornaments and flung them into the air. At the end six of the soldiers were sentenced to eight years penal servitude, and the girl to two years detention in a fortress.

The Socialist Propaganda in Japan.

The militant spirit which has advanced Japan to the front rank amongst nations will sooner or later advance socialism to the front in Japan. That the socialists in Japan are made of the right metal the following paragraph from the latest issue of "The Heiminshimbun" (published in Osaka) bears strenuous and humorous witness: The Friday lecture meeting on the 17th evening at Tokyo was prohibited by a police inspector, but the comrades continued the speeches on the roof. At last Comrades T. Saki, H. Yamakawa, E. Osugi, J. Takeuchi, E. Morioka and S. Sakamoto were arrested.

Troubles in Prussia.

Discontent reigns in Polish Prussia, and troops are being poured into the country to protect Germans against the attacks of the Poles, among whom they live and move. The government is getting alarmed at the possible results of the bill which they have passed, rendering possible the expropriation of the lands of the persecuted people. What the Kaiser does in the name of national justice might become a precedent for a socialist government in the future, and so the rulers of Prussia are trying to intimidate the Poles into giving up their lands by a voluntary arrangement.

A "PIPE-DREAM."

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber, who pays in advance without skipping a year; who takes out his dollar and offers it gladly and casts around the office a halo of cheer. Who never says "stop it, I can not afford it," or "getting more papers each day than I read," but always says "send it, the whole outfit likes it—in fact it's a paper all workmen need.—Exchange.

A fool in revolt is infinitely wiser than a philosopher figuring a learned apology for his chains.—Kossuth.

That Cincinnati socialist leader who asked the president to have Prince de Sagan deported as an "undesirable citizen" certainly had a clever way of putting the case when he alleged that the Prince "never worked a day in his life and has no visible means of support."—Exchange.

National

State Secretary Ringler of Pennsylvania writes that National organizer, Comrade M. W. Wilkins, held fifty meetings in Pennsylvania from January 25 to April 3, and that he organized six locals with a total of fifty-eight members during March.

No action was taken upon the question of a representative to the National convention from Honolulu, Hawaii. Comrades Hillquit and Work voted in the affirmative, Comrades Floaten and Simons in the negative. No expression was received from other members of the committee.

Comrade Tuck, state secretary of California, reports: "The dues paying membership for the month of March, as shown by the dues stamps purchased by the locals from this office, was 239 members. The movement in this state is growing rapidly and California intends to hold its place at the head of the column for percentage of votes cast."

A certain central committee has been maintained by the Slavic comrades, unattached to the party and of which Comrade Petrich of Chicago acted as secretary. The organization was composed of twelve locals in different parts of the country and known as the "South Slavonic Socialist Association." The Chicago branch has now joined the party and Comrade Petrich reports that each branch will become an integral part of their respective state organizations. A weekly publication in this language is being issued, entitled "Proletarec," address 587 S. Center Ave., Chicago, Ills.

With more and more frequency come the reports of outrages perpetrated by the police against the socialists and the prevention of their meetings. The Sunday afternoon hall meetings in Philadelphia have been broken up in this way. Sunday afternoon, April 12, Comrade Cildir of the United Mine Workers was pulled from the platform by a squad of 22 uniformed policemen that marched into the hall. Five other speakers were pulled from the stage and the hall cleared by the police. The police patrol wagon took the men to the station. The working men of America ought to see whether this political interference is drifting.

To the State Secretary. Dear Comrade:—It is the purpose to serve to the limit our comrades who speak other than the English language. This field is in better shape than ever. Many applications are being received for dates for organizers speaking Bohemian, German, Italian, Polish and other languages. The routing of any foreign speaker is always an expensive proposition, but can be simplified materially, both as to expense and to management if a complete roster of such locals and sympathizers is secured. You will know as to your own list, but as a matter of fact very few of the lists of locals supplied by state secretaries to the National office indicate the foreign speaking organizations.

This information is greatly needed right now. I therefore ask you to make up a list of the foreign speaking locals in your state, placing each nationality upon a separate sheet, and that you return the same within a few days. You need not report the Finnish locals, as I have a complete list from the National translator.

J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

The National Executive Committee is considering the following questions: The moving of the National Headquarters to the Chicago Daily Socialist building; the question of raising funds by voluntary subscriptions to aid the state organizations of Minnesota and South Dakota in their contest upon the primary law; whether Local Honolulu, Hawaii, shall be apportioned a delegate to the National Convention; and shall arrangements be made for the taking of a stenographic report of the proceedings of the National Convention.

If I have tramped on your toes don't blame me; curse the system. Vote the socialist ticket and you will own your jobs without the worry of losing it if you don't pile up large profits. Don't trust me, convince yourself. The eagle on the gold pieces now in the coffers of the company are screaming for liberty, therefore you don't hear its cry.—Coxey.

With the death of Edmondo de Amicis, Italy has lost her most popular author, and Italian Socialism a supporter and a celebrity. De Amicis was the greatest descriptive writer of modern Italy, and his books were read by young and old of all classes to an extent greater than those of any other Italian author, no matter how popular. His children's book, "Cuore" ("Heart"), has gone through over 400 editions in twenty years, and in China and Japan has, it is stated, been adopted as a manual for government schools.

Women's Clubs

CALL FOR WOMAN'S DELEGATE MEETING.

To all Socialist Women's Clubs, and all Socialist Women, Meeting:—The Socialist Women's League of Chicago, believing in the power of organization for the furtherance of woman's education along socialist lines of thought, requests that all socialist women's clubs send representatives to Chicago, to a delegate meeting to be held at the time of, but not conflicting with, the National convention.

And we request that socialist women not members of women's organizations, take part in the discussions of the meeting. We will be glad to have letters of inquiry or suggestion from any who may not be able to come. Address all communications to Mrs. Margaret Allen, Corresponding Secretary, 14 N. Mozart St., Chicago. Yours for the Revolution,  
THE COMMITTEE.

By order of The Socialist Woman's League of Chicago.

Robert Hunter, in the Chicago Daily Socialist, says: "We have over three million underfed children in this country. At a period when bone, sinew, and brain power should be built up, these little ones are starving."

According to the U. S. census report of 1900, there were in that year 1,752,187 children under sixteen years of age employed in gainful occupations in the United States. Spargo estimates that there are now over 2,250,000 working children under fifteen, in the United States alone. When we speak of "working" children we mean wage-earners. There are 80,000 children, mostly little girls, engaged in the textile industries, and 7,000 children, mostly boys, in the glass factories. There are 50,000 women in New York City supporting their husbands. Women and children are employed in preference to men because they work cheaper. More profit can be made from them.

For fifty-two years Mrs. Melissa Hodgdon, a weaver, has worked in the cotton mills of Sauc, Me. Think of that, you women who have the privilege of the pure air and sunshine. Fifty-two years in a cotton mill without missing a day. Fifty years of weaving, weaving, weaving, without a holiday. Fifty years of work in a hot, stuffy room, without one break in the soul-killing monotony.—Western Farm Journal.

At our county socialist convention, Friday, I was one of a group who were engaged in conversation with a republican lobbyist, who was among us in the interests of a certain measure that is to come before the people this election, by referendum. This particular lobbyist has the reputation, how designated I know not, of being friendly towards socialism. On this occasion he bore in his hand a large volume, covered, and labeled in large print on one side with these words, "The Works of Clarence S. Darrow." Mr. Lobbyist held his decoy volume with the label to the crowd, so that all might see. Several observed the label. The lady who stood next to me drew my attention to it with a pleased nod. But I shook my head and laughed. I was onto the game.

JESSIE M. MYER.

A POT OF POSTUM.

Away back in Battle Creek, Michigan, lives a man by the name of Post—or at any rate he draws his living from Battle Creek. Mr. Post is the manufacturer of Postum Cereal Coffee, Grape Nuts, and other food products that have ceased to tempt the palate of the class-conscious working men and working women of the United States.

Mr. Post is also a member of the National Citizen's Industrial association of business men who are very conscious of the interests of THEIR class.

Mr. Post is a shrewd business man. He knows the value of advertising.

Two years ago there appeared in the Montana News an advertisement of Girard Cereal Coffee. Immediately Mr. Post wired a third of a page ad to the Independent and Record—which we consider complimentary to the News.

But Mr. Post knows the value of advertising other things beside Grape Nuts and cereal coffee. He knows the value of advertising ideas. And he knows that the socialist press is advertising a brand of ideas so much more palatable to the working class than those advertised by the Citizen's Industrial association that their ideas are likely to be driven from the market unless they can make the working class believe that the socialist ideas are adulterated.

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has a faculty that would make Ananias weep. His latest effusion is a reading ad that occupies about a third of a page and is devoted to a frenzied appeal to the "Home Owning Class" to beware of the labor socialist "class" who, he says, are aiming to pass laws, while the home owners sleep, that will take their homes away from them. Evidently Mr. Post is very much afraid of laws passed by any class except his own.

Considering the fact that the vast majority of the American people have no homes it would seem that a few laws passed in their favor and with a view to secure homes for all would not be amiss. Mr. Post says: "When a labor union gains power enough to force home-owners to pay two, three, or four times what hod-carriers and other workmen are actually worth, it means just so much extra money extracted from the home-owners more than the service is worth." This seems to us to be an admission that the "hod-carriers and other workmen" have no homes—which is mostly true.

Mr. Post seems fully aware that the home-renting class far outnumber the home-owning class, but to make his class look larger he uses the word home-owning twenty-seven times in this nightmare which he entitles, "They're After You." Yes, we're after you, Mr. Post, and all of your class. We're after the class that lives off rent, interest and profit and "we'll get you if you don't watch out." We believe in democracy; we believe in the rule of the majority; and when the majority, who are the working class, get ready to take the powers of government and manage them in favor of the working class so that ALL who do useful work can have homes we will do so in spite of all your threats of rebellion and bloodshed.

But what we want to call the attention of the comrades to is this: This advertisement of Mr. Post's appeared in the various papers about the country in cities WHERE SOCIALIST PAPERS ARE PUBLISHED and the only place it appeared in Montana was in the Helena Independent and the Daily Record which are PUBLISHED IN THE HOME TOWN OF THE MONTANA NEWS.

Do you see the point? Do you realize the value of your paper? Then fight for it as hard as the Citizen's Industrial association is fighting against it. J. F. MABIE.

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# State Department

## MISSOULA COUNTY SOCIALISTS ATTENTION!

While there is a large socialist sentiment in Missoula county our organization is very weak and an effort should be made to strengthen it as soon as possible, if we are to make any kind of showing in the fall campaign.

There is enough work to be done to keep one organizer in Missoula county for three months and if this could be done the Socialist party would soon assume a militant form.

An effort is going to be made to put an organizer into Missoula county for a few weeks at least. In order to sustain an organizer in the field, funds are necessary and there are enough socialists in Missoula county who, by donating from 25 cents to \$1.00 each month, can raise the amount necessary.

Therefore we request all socialists living in Missoula county who are anxious to have an organizer working for one month in the county to send contributions to help defray organizer's expenses to Fred Chuning, Box 806, Missoula, Montana, and if donations cannot be made at once, write Comrade Chuning how much you will donate and when payments of donations will be made.

A list of donations will appear each week in the Montana News.

We print the following letter from the old Bitterroot valley workhorse, Comrade Hiram Platt. There is no comrade in Montana more zealous for the progress of the socialist movement than Comrade Platt. He is over seventy years old and the hero of many battles over the greater part of a century:

"I took a ride along the lines immediately on my return home, with the result enclosed. I expect more votes in by mail soon. But thought best to get these into your hands for fear of overrunning the time. I have been very greatly disappointed, in that this vote has been taken before my communication relative to Julius Bernard could be published.

Last weeks Montana News has not yet been received in this valley. I wish to line out a plan for you to follow in sending any speaker into this county.

His first stop should be Stevensville, 2d Victor, 3d Hamilton, 4th Darby, and then, if no other engagements are made for him that must be filled, we could use him or her at some of the most prominent schoolhouses.

Relying on the capability of the speaker to make his trip so enthusiastic that we would have no trouble in covering his expenses by voluntary contributions

In case Stevensville could not be reached on the day set, then on the return trip we would expect to make good at that place. And in that case he should go to Victor for the date appointed.

Coming up the valley two trains are run daily, and to give assurance of his presence, he ought to get to each place on the first train, which would be the Freight Train.

I lay down this plan as a general rule to follow. Another thing to remember is that he should reach Stevensville on Wednesday and we can then have two meetings at Darby Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. We can then hope to catch men from the lumber camps when they are not engaged.

Please let me know at the earliest possible moment what speaker and at what time expected and I will make every endeavor to notify each place in time to secure a good attendance.

I have arranged to take Rev. Paul N. Castle to Victor next Saturday and will either revive Victor Local or absorb the members into Lake Como Local. In that case I will attempt the same course for Stevensville in the near future. If we do anything in the country districts it must be on an economical scale.

My offer for Darby holds good for

the first speaker, and after that takes place I will report prospects for more work.

Have you abandoned entirely the \$3 per day system. With Mr. Castle to help me occasionally I think we can make a good record for Ravalli county."

Concerning the above, we have some comments to make.

It is impossible to hold the counting of ballots back after the appointed time for the convenience of individuals. No margin of time is allowed by the national office for the returns, and it takes quick work to allow for the second ballot and get the notification to the elected delegates. Those on the outside frequently do not realize the complications under which the official work is compelled to be carried on.

The News published the "boost" for Comrade Bernard although it did so reluctantly. There is quite a little "boosting" that the News would have liked to do in this line itself for it is in a position to know who in Montana could best represent the interests of the party at the great national gathering of the best posted socialists in the country. But we have carefully refrained from doing this because of the personal complications that would immediately arise. It can readily be seen what would be the result if every socialist in Montana insisted on occupying the pages of the News with his notions as to who would be a good delegate at Chicago. We simply print the names of the candidates and let the members use their own judgment. Which goes to show that individuals must be known by service to the revolutionary movement before the party will make them its trusted representatives.

In regard to Comrade Platt's plan for speakers, it is a most excellent one, provided there was money to carry it through. The socialist party is not impoverished through lack of plans but through lack of money to carry out the plans. It is impossible for a speaker to make his salary and expenses through the Bitterroot valley. We know this through personal experiences of three or four years. The socialists are few and very poor and the population widely scattered. Besides, "enthusiasm" is a poor basis to build up a sound socialist movement on. It is purely the effervescent foam that appears on the top of activity to arouse the exploited class to consciousness. The roots of sound social teaching must extend much deeper down.

To do the right work through that section of the state it wants a man of infinite perseverance, sagacity and patience, to take his time, get used to the life of the people, do much personal work, and not be disappointed over small results. Comrade Burgess is just such a man. He is one of the most patient and self-sacrificing men in the movement, but he must be paid his salary, as every worker who gives his life and his time for the sake of the socialists must, if he is worth anything. This idea of the socialist membership grafting off a few workers is about exploded. Persons in comfortable circumstances who are socialists can well afford to pay \$5 a month to carry on the work of a cause that they believe takes precedence of everything else. That is only \$60 a year. What is that compared to freedom?

It is folly to expect to haul money out of the "state organization." The "state organization," through its headquarters is only an intermediary to dispense and pass on the funds contributed by the membership. It is no source of supply.

With these facts in mind members ought to be able intelligently to work out the problems of their own local work.

Comrade Proebstal of Stork sends in \$15.00 to pay the subscription for 30 copies of the News for Local Union No. 41, I. W. W., for one year.

How about those ten half-yearlies for \$2.50?

Secretary Cameron sends \$2.00 dues from Chico local.

J. W. Harkamen of Butte sends in two subs for the News.

How many subs have you gotten for socialism in the last week?

\$15.00 in from the Bakers' union of Butte for a bundle of News.

Secretary Chuning of Local Missoula sends in \$3 for due stamps.

Are you sure your'e really doing very much to knock out this system?

We make a specialty of letterheads and envelopes. Let us make you some.

Comrade Herman Schnick of Lewistown sends in \$4.25 on various funds from various persons.

Comrade James Farwell of Napa sends one dollar towards the new linotype. That sounds helpful.

The Miners' union at Carneyville, Wyoming, subscribed for 30 copies of the News while Mabie was there.

Mabie reports that the Trades Council in Sheridan, Wyoming, took a bundle of ten copies of the News.

\$12.50 in from Comrade Welch for bundle of Montana News for the Coal Miners' union at Monarch, Wyoming.

Comrade Barton A. Fansett of Stevensville, sends in \$25.00 on pledges. The comrades in that part of the state are considering having active propaganda work begun about May 15.

Comrades Ambrose, Graham, Hazlett and Peura were elected delegates to the National convention on the first ballot. The slips are now out for the second ballot and they should be voted promptly and returned to headquarters.

Comrade Mrs. Bauman is the rustler in Livingston at collecting advertising bills and others for the News. She is another of the energetic Montana women who never quits working for the better social state that she sees in socialism.

Copies of the Montana News containing Mrs. Hazlett's reply to Bishop Carroll can be ordered in bundles at the rate of one cent per copy. If you live in a neighborhood where socialism has been maligned to the Catholics, it is your duty to get a bundle of this issue and set the workers right.

Butte, April 13, 1908.  
We have received socialist party special assessment 35c stamps, 100 pieces. We will send you to money in postoffice money orders of \$35.00.  
FINNISH SOCIALIST BRANCH,  
NO. 3, Butte, Mont.  
Box, 252.  
Reporter, K. Oscar Keturi.

Mabie goes to Bozeman and Butte before coming to Helena. He expects to reach here by the 20th. He needs \$125 yet on the linotype. If anyone wishes to loan this amount, or smaller amounts, to the News, good security will be furnished and interest paid. Now is the time for all good socialists to come to the aid of their cause.

A letter from Comrade Chase from Detroit, Minn., says: "You may quote me as saying that the state of Montana offers one of the very best fields for our movement, and that with the right kind of work done by the socialists there is no reason in the world why they should not have a representative two years from now. Take care of yourself and be in time for the convention."

From our old friend, Reese Davis: "Just a few lines, hoping to find you all as well as I am at present. I met our friend, J. F. Mabie, down here and he had to leave Sunday morning for Montana, so he asked me to attend a meeting of the Miners' union at Monarch on Monday evening, which I did and they agreed to take twenty-five copies of the Montana News. I asked them to send in the amount, which is \$12.50, today, and they said that they would.

It was a poor night to get anything from them as they had just got an appeal from the district to assist the widows and orphans at Hanna. They responded very liberally. They gave three hundred dollars, (\$300.00), then when I brought up the Montana News question they were pretty slow, but however, they took twenty-five copies, so it wasn't so bad after all."

We have a letter from Comrade Alex. Rhone of Plains stating that they are trying to get the socialist sentiment there in working order for the campaign, and will do what they can for the Boomer meeting in May. Of course Boomer's dates depend upon whether he is elected a delegate to the National convention from Washington.

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The following comes from C. J. Croft, secretary of Local Belt: "You will find enclosed ballots cast by this local, and I am to inform you that there has been a change of officers in Local Belt No. 1. Comrade Young having resigned as secretary I was elected in his place and Garfield Harris was elected as organizer. As soon as I get the run of things I can make proper reports each month. Send us one book of due stamps.

On or about the 23d of April we are going to give a dance, and I want you to let me know which fund is the most in need of the money we may make out of it, the campaign fund or Mabie's press fund.

There seems to be quite a little enthusiasm getting into our local. Of course we all realize the up-hill fight we have on our hands, but we are not going to give up until we land the game."

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## MABIE'S REPORT FOR MARCH.

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Collected on Fund..... 246.85  
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Montana News Report.  
Dr.  
Collected on Subs..... \$15.00  
Literature sold..... 10.50  
Cr.  
\$25.50

Car fare..... \$24.25  
All other expenses..... 10.05  
Literature bought..... 6.06  
Remitted to News..... 53.35

\$93.71

It will be noticed that there is again an over-remittance to the News. I hope to have a better sale of subscriptions during April to make this up.

The contracts for the linotype have been ordered to be dated April 20th and we must have the money for our first payment by that time so the comrades who have pledged money, or any others who want to help, will please send it in by that time.

Fraternally,  
J. F. Mabie.

My Dear Graham:—Have not had a chance to write you since Miles City meeting. We had a fine meeting in Red Lodge and Mabie was there. I hope they made out all right yesterday, but have not heard anything.

We had a fine meeting in Miles City and would have had a better one if meeting had been better advertised. I got a bunch of 13 together for a local and there are at least four of them on whom you can depend to carry on

## LOCAL GREAT FALLS, of the Socialist Party.

Meets every Sunday at Union Hall at 8 p. m.  
Wm. PALSGROVE, Sec'y.  
815 7th Avenue

## LOCAL HELENA, of the Socialist Party

Meets every Wednesday evening at 15 North Park Ave. AUGUST JOHNSON, Secretary

## LOCAL LIVINGSTON, of the Socialist Party

Meets every second and fourth Monday evening in Trades & Labor Hall, opp. Opera House.  
All transient comrade invited to attend.

the work, Nels Anderson, Bart Daniels, A. W. Wetner, and A. H. Frye.

The others are good timber, but the ones mentioned are oldtimers. They had \$15.00 hall rent and gave me \$10.00. I enclose a list for application for charter. I will send you in tomorrow's mail full report of trip to date; have no chance tonight.

Tell Comrade Hazlett that Comrade Anderson, who looked after her while she was in Miles City, says: "Tell Mrs. Hazlett that that old fool Anderson, the Dane, is among the bunch." He is a fine chap and all right. I had a good meeting in Bismark last night and organized a local of 16 members.

It was the same there as in Miles City—a lot of socialists in town and not knowing each other. The presence of a speaker gave them some one to rally around, nearly every one surprised to find out that the others were socialists.

There is no trouble in organizing now and everything possible should be done to arouse interest.

Expect a good meeting in about an hour from now. I have been riding all the time and could not write. I send a list of names from Miles City. All paid 15 cents, which I will hold on account for April report as I have no time to make out money order.

Best wishes to you and Comrade Hazlett. Meet you all, I hope, in Chicago.

Fraternally,  
JOHN C. CHASE.

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