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President Gives Parting Slap at Grafters

Socialism and Agitators Scored--Labor Subject of Great Concern--Messages on Congressional Grafters

Stir House and Senate and Evoke Retaliation

The president had his usual success in exploding a bomb so that the whole country would sit up and take notice, in unloading his opening message to congress. And he keeps on sending messages to the consternation of congressmen and politicians.

Men who are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would do wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth.

evolutionary road pretty well, however, and comes out squarely for pensions and care for the helpless. "There should be no longer any paltering with the question of taking care of the wage-workers, who under our present industrial system become killed, crippled or worn-out as part of the regular incidents of a given business.

Taxation Reduced. Teddy, acting as the agent of the government, is a committee of the capitalist class, boasts that he has reduced taxation and government interest.

Handwriting of Labor. Teddy has done for American plutocracy what no president has ever done before--he has realized that labor is an issue with the American people.

Rough House Over Secret Service. The part of the message relating to the secret service is what has roused the nation because it has roused the congressmen.

Big Stick for Socialism. The spirit of demagoguery is given a rap for its attacks committed on "men of wealth."

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AMERICAN PROTEST

So effective have been the protests of the Socialists and Socialist press all over the country against America's before war imperialism.

HIGHER DUES

In September the Socialist party of Washington raised its state dues from 15 to 25 cents.

ORGANIZATION WORK

The method in which organizing and lecturing has so far been carried on needs to be improved considerably.

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Ben Hanbord Socialist Year Book

Great Task Undertaken by National Committee for Party Information.

SOCIALIST YEAR BOOK 857 East 34th St., Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1908.

Algernon Lee, member national committee Socialist party for state of New York.

Comrade: I enclose herewith a proposition, together with the motions necessary to give it effect, and if they meet the approval of your judgment request that they be transmitted by you to the national committee.

It seems to me that the Socialist movement in America has long needed what I would name the "Socialist Yearbook" and what might be described as a Socialist almanac and campaign book.

Many topics named in the prospectus suggest the names of comrades who are universally recognized as thoroughly equipped to treat the subjects referred to, and whose services, if possible, should be secured to prepare the articles thereon for the year-book.

The general divisions and subdivisions noted in the prospectus are of course tentative. Before the book appears (should it be undertaken) it will be subject to change.

From time to time subjects of great though passing interest will require treatment in extenso.

Consideration of the proposed work will show that the most serious problems confronting the editor will be those arising from limitation of space, and from the first the two questions requiring his most careful attention will be what can be omitted with least loss to the book and the condensation of that which is published.

The size and price of the "Socialist Yearbook" will have to be taken up with the national secretary, the editor, the printer and the national executive committee, the latter, of course, having authority.

I shall not tire you any more this time, only this--take time to consider this motion in a cool, candid and deliberate, and I shall have no fear to liberate you, without prejudice and for the outcome.

be taken in hand and completed by some other comrade. It has been my intention to undertake this work in a form more circumscribed than outlined herewith as an incident to the work, the plans for which went awry.

In conclusion let me say that I do not desire that yourself or any other comrade should favor or veto for me to take charge of this work (if it is decided that it should be undertaken) through any consideration of personal regard for me or from any desire to provide for my economic security.

Article IX of the constitution which provides that the literature of the party may "publish works on Socialism or for the purpose of Socialist propaganda," declares further that the national committee shall not be construed as authorizing the bureau to publish any periodical.

As you will see from the prospectus enclosed, and which I would request you to transmit to the national secretary and your fellow national committee members with this letter, the task is a great one, calling for the services of the best available man as editor.

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From time to time subjects of great though passing interest will require treatment in extenso. (Such as: Russia, the war with Spain, etc.) Other matters will require extensive treatment from the standpoint of the proletarian interest and activity they will continue to arouse in the labor movement.

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THE "CHARGES" MANIAC

There is a certain peculiar type of mind that frequently gets magnetized to the Socialist party that becomes obsessed by the mania that the only way to save the party and inspire and encourage others to action is to be continually trumping up puerile "charges" against active, busy, capable and continuous workers in the movement.

Persons ambitious of serving the movement instead of attacking the good work others have done with painstaking labor and denial should get to work and labor themselves and help things along.

None of the newspapers that carry holiday advertising are in favor of destroying the Santa Claus myth. Even the trusting minds of little children are turned to the advantage of the graft schemes of the capitalist.

MORE CENSORS

Now the Strenuous One wishes Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, to come under the heavy stick of American press censorship. He raves also in his message to congress on the Panama canal charges against one Delevan Smith of an Indianapolis paper.

RUEF, THE BRIBER

Abie Ruef, the fallen San Francisco boss, has been convicted of bribery after a trial that lasted 166 days. The cost of the trial, of Ruef's incarceration, of all the persons who have waited on and made a living off of this one criminal, is paid for out of the exertions of the working class.

AFFABLE LABOR LEADERS

With President-elect and Mrs. Taft as the guests of honor, Homestead Murderer Carnegie, Scab Hero Worshipper Elliot of Harvard, Labor-Hater Bishop Ireland and scores of other famous capitalists, Gompers, Mitchell and scores of other so-called labor leaders hobnobbed at the Hotel Astor Tuesday last, under the sacred name of the National Civic Federation.

President James O'Connell of the International Machinists' Union delivered himself of the intelligent remark that he looked forward to the day when employers would make agreements with labor that would insure peace, happiness and prosperity for all concerned.

POPULAR BRITISH SOCIALIST WOMAN

We desire to call attention to the article of Mrs. Bruce Glasier last week taken from the British International Review. Mrs. Glasier is one of that noble galaxy of brilliant English women Socialists that have added so much to the power and enthusiasm of the British movement.

ONE MORE TRUST NEARER SOCIALISM

The Atlantic, Gulf and West India steamship lines have consolidated with the four Morse lines, the merger being capitalized at \$49,999,999. So the merry process of concentration goes on. Who will own the mergers?

MONTANA POVERTY

Up there on the crest of the mountains we are apt to look upon poverty and suffering as something that belongs to some far distant, crowded state of society, and not as an actual spectre dwelling in our midst. The "golden west" is popularly supposed to harbor only those who are at least comfortable.

OF COURSE

The American Bankers' association has appointed a committee on postal savings banks. And this committee has issued a circular signed by Lucien Teter, its chairman, which calls on the bankers of America to oppose the bill pending in the senate for the establishment of savings banks.

MACHINE SOCIALISM

We are publishing this week an article by Wm. H. Leffingwell, sent us by the author, on new and effective ways of Socialist organization. Every member of the Socialist party should study this article intently and see whether he is in the party for service or not.

Not Dead

This issue will bring assurance to the subscribers of The Montana News that the fearless advocate of the working class in the inter-mountain country has not been abolished in spite of the trying circumstances it has passed through in the last few weeks.

The News will go on. The party membership can do as it pleases about lifting the debt. We may be obliged to retrench a little for a few weeks, but the paper as a Socialist organ is not lost.

Those who wish to help may send in their subs. We need the money more than ever now. Those who are willing to make good their pledges will feel that they are put immediately on a Socialist boost, as the management now pays cash for each issue of the paper.

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Poet's Corner

THE BLOODHOUNDS

By William R. Fox
A wage slave to his master said:
'I am a man like you,
I want more raiment, want more bread,
And time for pleasure, too.'

COMING OF THE GIRLS

By William Allen White
Many damsels were candidates for public office during the campaign which has closed in Kansas and, the majority of them being republicans, they have won and will settle down in their own sweet way to the service of the tax payers.

Thomas Chatterton, the marvelous boy-poet of Bristol, who committed suicide at the age of seventeen, was an embryo Socialist. So at least suggests his latest biographer, Charles Edward Russell.

International

RUSSIAN WORKERS REORGANIZING

Berlin, Nov. 28.—The current issue of the Russian Bulletin contains the following interesting account of the revival of Socialist activity in Russia:
Great masses of the Social-Democratic party of Russia is that the period of general feeling among the workers during the past eight months is clear and the masses of the people have thrown aside their apathy and are filled with new courage.

Germany's Army of Unemployed

Molkenbuhr, Socialist, in the course of an interpellation of the government regarding measures for the unemployed, declared that there were 420,000 workmen out of employment in Prussia alone, according to the statistics of the bulletin issued by the government.

Western Miners and Socialists Raise Money for Legal Fight

El Paso, Ariz.—The work of collecting funds to help defend the Mexican liberal leaders, Magdon, Villarreal and Rivera, when they shall be brought here for trial on a trumped up charge of violation of the neutrality laws, is being actively pushed by members of the Western Federation of Miners and the Socialist party.

Vice-Presidential Candidate Weils

Ben Hanford has taken a bride. He married Miss Alice Binkton of Brooklyn, Nov. 22. Rev. Alexander Irvine, a prominent Socialist clergyman, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Hanford is a member of the Socialist party.

National

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8, 1908.

To the National Executive Committee.
Dear Comrades:
Herewith is transmitted a National Committee motion submitted by Comrade A. M. Simons.

MOTION.

'I wish to move as a member of the National Executive Committee that the national office proceed at once to the preparation of a circular to be sent to the local in the United States, calling for the holding of meetings, circulation of petitions, raising of money, and such other measures as may be thought necessary to prevent the expulsion of Jan Janoff Pouden and Christian Rudowitz, and to preserve the right of asylum in America.'

COMMENTS.

'It seems to me that this is one of the great occasions when it is worth while to set in motion every bit of machinery that the Socialists possess, if these men are returned there are at least 50,000 more, many of whom are most active workers in the Socialist party, who can also be taken. Furthermore, it is impossible to expect new victories unless we can hold the grounds we have already gained.'

The state committee of Indiana has issued a call for a state convention to be held at Indianapolis, Saturday, February 27, 1909. The committee has also adopted the following course of reading for the locals during the winter months: 'Commonsense of Socialism,' John Spargo; 'The Spiritual Significance of Modern Socialism,' John Spargo; 'Value, Price and Profit,' Marx; 'Woman and the Social Problem,' May Wood-Simons; 'Socialism and the Home,' May Walden.

By a recent referendum Charles Dobbs, care Insurancor Fred, Louisville, Ky., has been re-elected a member of the national committee, and Walter Lanfersiek, 506 Washington Ave., Newport, has been elected state secretary for the unexpired term vice P. H. Stines, resigned, and for the following full term of one year beginning Jan. 1, 1909.

ORGANIZED LABOR

List of national labor organizations and their secretaries.
A. F. of L., the railway brotherhoods, W. P. of M., organizations of women workers, other labor organizations.
Wages, hours of labor, intensity of labor, conditions of labor for organized and unorganized workers.

ORGANIZED CAPITAL

Manufacturers' association, citizens' alliance, the armies of strike breakers, etc.
Corporate wealth of the United States.
The trusts.
Origin of great American fortunes.
Concentration of wealth and industry.

REFORM MOVEMENTS

Populism, the independence league, prohibition, single tax, initiative and referendum, proportional representation, etc.

SPECIAL TOPICS

The struggles of organized labor.
The unemployed.
Chronology of the labor movement.
Calendar of capitalist crimes against the working class.
Industrial diseases, railway, mining and industrial accidents.
Neurology.
Power—Steam, electric, water, animal.
Land grabbing, land frauds, owners of large landed estates.
Cost of army, navy; pensions, militia, armories, etc.
Naturalization laws.
Labor cost of staple commodities.
Cost of living.
Railway strikes.
Wealth of the United States and its distribution, economic classes in the United States and their relative numbers, occupations and numbers engaged in the various machinery and its development.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This department must contain the available data as to emigration, immigration, schools and school children (health, eyesight, free food, free books, etc.), municipal statistics (crime, sanitation, police courts, government by commission, evictions, graft, traction, etc.), poverty, charity, adulteration, prostitution, crime, lunacy, drunkenness, both as to the United States and foreign countries, and topics too numerous to mention here, but which immediately come to every mind considering the work here outlined.

Women's Clubs

MEN OR BULLDOGS—A THEORY

VALU
Although a great deal of my time is spent on platforms, at times talking, at times waiting for trains, while many weary miles must be covered in the train to reach the numerous places to which I go; yet all my life is not spent in travelling. I am at home occasionally.

It was on one of these occasions that an invitation to a garden party came from a mayor who is a convinced collectivist.
There were sports of various kinds, and amongst other things to be seen were some kennels. These I visited along with the good lady who for 30 years has darned my socks, ruled my destinies, and given me most of the good advice which has been useful.

SPLENDID ADDRESS BY MURRAY YOUTZ

The following address was delivered by Murray Youtz before the Y. M. C. A. of Adelbert college, Ohio, Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th:
Prof. Alfred Russel Wallace, perhaps the greatest known scientist since the days of Charles Darwin, stated that Socialism is the hope of future progress.
Prof. Chas. Zoellner, formerly of Chicago university, said, in a speech in Milwaukee, that there are three things one must be familiar with if they wish to be considered cultured, viz.: First, the high criticism of the Bible; second, the philosophy of evolution; third, Socialism.

While we walked briskly along till the exercise had taken some of the edge off our anger, when an ox-mayor, who had just been to see the dogs, came to greet us.
'Have you seen those bulldogs?' he asked.
'Some of them,' we answered, while the lady's mouth tightened ominously.

'Did you go upstairs?' was the next question.
'We did not go upstairs,' said the lady in a tone which would have warned me, but the alderman, not noticing, went on to describe the upper room of the kennels, how well fitted up it was, etc. He was especially enthusiastic about a stuffed bulldog, which when alive could have been sold for 1,000 pounds.

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'I'm glad I didn't,' was the reply, 'I was annoyed enough without that.'
'Annoyed? What for?'
'To think that bulldogs were better cared for than human beings.'
'My word! but I'm glad I've seen it. It could have been sold for more than 1,000 pounds.

Under the workmen's compensation act

claim on three years' wages if he happens to be killed at his work, about an average of 200 pounds. If a bulldog is worth twelve hundred pounds, how many British workmen does it take to make up the value of one British bulldog?' and her umbrella switched the heads off some flowers we were passing.

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of educational facilities, etc., the collective ownership of mines, railroads, factories, etc., and every conceivable law to ameliorate the conditions of the working people.

ANOTHER WAY OF REDUCING WAGES

A news item states that the Red Star liners, the Kronland and the Finland have been transferred from the American to the Belgian register. These vessels were built in 1902 at Philadelphia by American workmen with American material. The steamships have simply changed flags so that the owners can save money by employing foreign crews. Thus is the deadly competition of international labor used to reduce the working class to an abject condition.

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Socialist Review are taken among the members for the purpose of making a study of Cohen's educational articles. The study club will meet Sunday evenings at the home of Mrs. Wells, the secretary.

the outside—in the factories, on the farms, on the highway, on the trains—talking, talking everywhere. People are hungry for things I know and they have me telling these things whether I want to make speech or not.

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Local Fridley is the most active and practical local in the state according to its membership. It is a country local with only some half dozen of active membership.

Encouraging news comes of the condition of the local at Great Falls. Comrade Hougardy sends \$5.00 for a book of stamps and says the stamps received last week are all gone.

Great Fall, Mont., Dec. 8, 1908. Dear Comrade: Perhaps you have not been informed yet about the awful misfortune with which Comrade McDermid met, so I enclose some clippings.

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to whom this is by no means essential. Thus it came to pass that the former sort accumulated wealth, and the latter sort had at last nothing to sell except their own skins.