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QUEER OPPONENT OF SOCIALISM. E. S. Litch, a writer in the American Federationist, says that in the broadest sense he is a Socialist, but that "judged by the standard of present day state socialists," he is "not of the elect."

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THEY PRODUCE CONFUSION.

The value of Hearst's papers consists more in the discontent which they produce than anything else. There is another virtue which should not be overlooked, and that is that the print is so large that you can read it in jarring street cars and elevated trains without serious injury to your eyes.

It appeals to the morbid tastes of scandal mongers, it makes private affairs public. If a man lives an honest life for years and then makes one false move, it delights in notifying the world of his disgrace and winds up with a eulogistic editorial of the man who reforms.

Its editorials on obesity and the politeness of using tooth-picks are of wonderful importance, and such learned productions will improve the general condition of the people.

The strength of these papers as a real factor consists largely in the editorials advocating trade unionism and the public control and ownership of some organized utility. Its advocacy of trade unionism is a blessing in so far as it creates self-confidence, respect and courage in the working class in resisting capitalism, but after filling the workman with pride and with a profound appreciation of his importance, it leaves him blind-folded as to what road he should take for his PERMANENT ELEVATION and ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

Its editorials, suggesting and advocating the nationalizing of industries, frequently mention the word "SOCIALISM" and minimize the prejudice against the term, conveying a hazy conception of what Socialists are after. To the extent that it does away with blind prejudice toward Socialism and entire ignorance of the subject, we may be grateful, but on this subject the editorials in these papers fail at the very crucial point where strength is essential. That is, in pointing out that the capitalist class, while it may make a few concessions to the working class, can never abolish the wage system, nor institute the public ownership of the means of production and distribution.

The writers of its editorials do not seem to understand the nature of the class interests and conflicts in modern society, nor the historical importance or meaning of this conflict.

Changes in the political state which are granted by capitalists, either voluntarily or through the pressure of the proletariat, are mere reforms, which may or may not have a tendency to perpetuate capitalism, depending upon the nature of the reform.

The Socialists, on the other hand, are striving for a complete change in the purpose of industry, viz., the substitution for production for profit by production for use and consumption. There is nothing in the policy or editorials of Hearst's papers which indicate a grasp of this and which give any idea of a purpose to assist in abolishing the present system.

It may be argued that it would not be policy for them to go so far as to announce the real conflict in capitalist society, and take their stand with the working class politically, but no matter what their excuse may be, we must judge them by what they say and what they do, and not from inferences as to what the hidden and undisclosed intent may be, which may be different in the mind of each reader. The middle class, in America, is trying to reform capitalism with a few so-called Socialistic measures, in hopes of a recreation of "legitimate competition," and Hearst's papers express the economic desire and purposes of this middle class.

Those who believe in a fundamental change, and that the economic tendency is toward the substitution for capitalism of the collective ownership of production and distribution, and who fully understand the inherent conflict between the capitalist class and the proletariat, cannot fail to see the injury of papers such as Hearst's, which draw to the Democratic party, those who are looking for a real solution of the industrial evils; and on the other hand, we must concede some favor to the papers which break up the old party ties and the conservatism of those who have so long believed in the sacredness of the established order.

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

Socialists never ask if you are deist, an atheist, a Christian, a Jew or a Buddhist. We are all human beings; that is enough, as far as Socialism is concerned. Socialism aims to make all men industrially or economically free. The all absorbing question of today is, shall a few capitalists own the earth or shall all the people own it?—Coming Nation.

Capitalism drives many stout, capable men into idleness, and forces many weak women and children into a life of hard toil. Socialism would relieve all by assigning to each the work best suited to which they are best fitted, and at the same time so systematize all lines of duty, as to make it easy for everyone.—A. L. U. Journal.

The testimony before the coal strike commission at Scranton is bringing out the fact heretofore not generally known that the less the North has to say about child labor in the South the better. There is a Pennsylvania law forbidding the employment of children under a certain age and another requiring compulsory attendance at school. Both these laws, it seems, are being flagrantly violated in the anthracite regions.—Exchange.

W. R. Hearst, the millionaire proprietor of the New York Journal and several other great dailies, has come out as a full-fledged presidential candidate and is using his organs to coax organized labor into some sort of fusion with the Democratic party. Some people thought his organs were playing Socialistic tunes.—Truth and Freedom.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 21.—The leaders of the Socialist party are to make a organized effort to offset the canvass of W. R. Hearst for support among the union labor voters for the Democratic nomination for President.

The Social Democratic Herald, the official paper of the Debs Socialist party, will issue a special edition February 23, which will contain articles in reply to a pamphlet which Hearst is accused of having issued under the auspices of the National Association of Democratic Clubs for circulation in union labor organizations.—Phoenix (Ariz.) Democrat. Reprinted in Hearst's American, New York.

The "conspiracy of silence" is ended. For years capitalism thought to keep back Socialism by ridicule and misrepresentation. Finding that their utmost efforts in these directions only set people investigating they as of set purpose systematically ignored our movement. To judge from the capitalistic press one would never have surmised that there was such a thing as a Socialist movement in the country. Recent developments have shown the capitalist that he has reached the last ditch and that he might as well, so to speak, die fighting. Far more dangerous for Socialism are the "fake" labor and reform parties being engendered by the old parties in order to run the Socialist sentiment into the ground and incidentally to rope in possible Socialist voters for their own parties. There is no doubt that the movement now going on in the States under W. R. Hearst is of this nature and we already feel the evil effects of it.—J. G. Morgan in The Voice, Winnipeg.

The Virtue of "Thrift." Says Mr. Riis, in his book on "How the Other Half Lives," "thrift is the motto of Jewtown (in New York), as of its people the world over. It is at once its strength and its fatal weakness. Its cardinal virtue and its foul disgrace. Become an overmastering passion with these people who come here in droves from Eastern Europe to escape persecution from which freedom can only be bought with gold, it has enslaved them in bondage worse than that from which they have fled. Money is their God. Life itself is of little value compared with even the leanest bank account.

Over and over again I have met with instances of these Polish and Russian Jews deliberately starving themselves to the point of physical exhaustion, while working day and night at a tremendous pressure, to save a little money. . . . An avenging Nemesis pursues this headlong hunt for wealth; it is no worse paid class anywhere.

The Herald is an ideal paper for propaganda in a "looking paper"; one need not be ashamed of it. The day of mussy, dirty-looking papers is past.

To Labor.

Shall you complain who feed the world? Who clothe the world? Shall you hunger who are the world, Of what the world may do? As from this hour, You use your power, The world must follow you.

The world's life hangs on your right hand, Your strong right hand, Your skilled right hand, You hold the whole world in your hand. See to it what you do! Or dark or light, Or wrong or right, The world was made for you!

Then rise as you've rose before, Nor hoped before, Nor dared before, And show us'er was shown before, The power that lies in you! Stand all as one! Till right is done! Believe and do to do! —Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

Trying to Hypnotize Labor. The Unionist of Mobile, Ala., a so-called labor paper whose lingering existence depends upon the ignorance of the workman and its allegiance to the Democratic party, searches the vocabulary of the English language to find oily words in eulogy of W. R. Hearst, who has declared that "the Democratic party and organized labor are natural allies."

It is only a short time ago since a New York banker, after traveling in all the regions of the old world where labor revels in the mire of servile debasement, commended in his report to his syndicate that the Southern states of America afforded the best opportunities for silk culture, owing to the cheapness of labor. The Democratic party to which the Unionist pays homage and attempts to keep alive by endeavoring to hypnotize labor, has had an uninterrupted reign in the South, and yet labor under good old Democracy in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and Louisiana—in fact every other state below the Mason and Dixon line—is languishing for even the bare necessities of life. W. R. Hearst loves to ride in the political chariot that leads to the white house, and he feels that a few slips at capitalism and a few smiles for labor will reach the goal of his ambition. The Democracy of Hearst is no better to labor than the Republicanism of Roosevelt.—Miners' Magazine.

Attention, Warehousemen! The Herald has a letter from Bro. L. J. Curran, president of the Interior Freight Handlers and Warehousemen of America, who states that he is about to make a tour through the various states for organizing purposes. He will reach Milwaukee about March 20, and wants to reach as many freight handlers as he can. "The increase that we as organized freight handlers and warehousemen get in Chicago is \$781,576 per annum, not including overtime, and it is the ambition of our organization to get the same for all members of our craft."

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THE HERALD FORUM.

Must Make Bargains to Win! Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Dear Herald Comrades: I want to give you a few words which may help to complete the "Hearst" picture, from a Southern point of view.

The "Solid South" is no longer solid. The same division that exists in the Democratic party of Wisconsin exists in the publican party of Alabama. The Mobile Register corresponds to the Milwaukee Sentinel, and the Mobile Daily Item to the Free Press—tho' both are Democratic. The former antagonizes Labor Unions and Labor leaders; the latter courts and supports them. The former will scarcely allow the word "Socialist" in its columns; the latter published entire columns of Socialist principles and programs. A similar division only more marked, exists in Pensacola, Fla.

The Populists, who led the revolt of the Southern Democracy and followed the reform wing of that party, have been displaced in the leadership of the party, and the party machinery is being quietly captured by the capitalistic Democrats, who profess a more or less open approval of the Republican policies.

These pro-trust Democrats are getting into a position to dominate the Southern wing of the next Democratic national convention, and if W. R. Hearst secures the nomination, he will either do so by the assurance given these Southern Democrats that he won't do them any harm anyway (which would be a betrayal of the labor vote he is striving so hard to get); or else he will have the whole Southern Democratic machine directed by the theories of Karl Marx, leading to an absurdum the hopes and wishes of the working world based on these theories.

The reverend gentleman has of late wisely chosen a most commodious road for his warlike and fateful expedition. Experience has taught him. At the beginning he had made a sad mistake, by challenging—Buffalo—representatives of the other side of the question to joint debate in public. Comrade Robert Steiner of the Buffalo Arbeiter Zeitung picked up the gauntlet. With comparative ease he stripped the valiant Heiter so completely of his arguments that the challenger, astonished, discomfited and dismayed, had none of them left save the single one: "Socialism is inimical to religion." To this he clung assiduously and with tenacious ardor. He brought forward, as so many proofs for his assertion, quotations from the writings of Socialists and other radical thinkers expressing displeasure with the church and its shortcomings (Rev. Heiter, by the way, labors under the misconception that church and religion are one and the same). Other writers, standing more or less on Socialist ground, who have seen fit to reject all heavenly perspectives held out by different creeds as a kind of promissory payment in exchange for the want and

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suffering one has to undergo in the present, were quoted by Mr. Heiter as conclusive evidence for the pessimistic trend in Socialism which—according to him—ought to be cause enough and sufficient for all good and pious church people to unconsciously abhor and condemn it.

But the comforting Steiner wouldn't have it that way. He insisted strenuously and effectively that Socialism, as far as the same is practically to be applied in the first place for the improvement of human affairs and conditions, is a purely economical doctrine; that consequences of an ethical and aesthetic turn which eventually might arise from established Socialism would in the main necessarily be of a civic character, tending solely to influence and humanize the neighborly, or brotherly relations of man to man; that household questions, in the character of which, on a larger scale, the regulation of mankind's economics must be regarded, had nothing whatever to do with the metaphysical longings, requirements or needs of the individual who may be left fancy-free to follow his or her inclinations and proclivities in this direction.

His discussion with Steiner has left a most disagreeable impression on Rev. Heiter's sensitive mind. He resolved, for all time to come, to strictly abstain from active people of Steiner's stripe. Speeches and public discussions in the nature of lectures have been carefully selected from the members of German Catholic congregations to whom—by early training—the sayings of a priest are nearly of the same impact as that taught to them as gospel. In his first lecture on learned adversary gave a "history" of the modern labor movement—a "history" with a vengeance. Wholly ignoring the incontrovertible fact that said movement has its start within the glorious womb of the great French revolution, that even the English trades unions of today are of Socialist origin, the reverend Heiter stoutly maintained and claimed that no connection whatever exists between trades unionism and Socialism; that the trades unions, having sprung, it seems, from nowhere, forging ahead in purity and simplicity, and benevolently assisted by church and state, had succeeded in gaining a goodly number of concessions from the employer class as well as from society at large, while the unscrupulous and mischievous Socialists hobbled up, clamoring that but for them and their nefarious agitation neither church nor state would have done a thing for labor and its interests—a claim, Mr. Heiter, which surely must fall flat, church and state having vied with each other in the care of the downtrodden, in the fostering of the toiling masses before Socialism appeared on the scene—aren't they?

How are the Socialists going to carry out their programme? inquires this curious Mr. Heiter. By gaining hold of the political rudder of society, either by peaceable or by revolutionary methods, he answers the interrogation himself. They would meet—according to their own opinion—most unbecomingly and property ever to respect vested and property rights. They could go ahead and change the law, ish these rights at will. As a precedent for such action they cite the abolition of chattel slavery by Abraham Lincoln. But Mr. Heiter grievously mistaken, exclaims Mr. Heiter triumphantly. The abolition of slavery was resorted to by Lincoln only as a measure of war. As such it may have been excusable, but it is a very

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transportation and denounced the Republican and Democratic parties for fostering the growth of gigantic corporations, monopolies and trusts.

country we demand the passage of such laws as may be necessary to protect it in all its rights. It qualified the importance of this expression by the assertion "that the money question was paramount to all others at that time."

Representatives, and it now makes municipal ownership the Democratic shibboleth in our cities and naturally suggests national ownership as the next presidential campaign issue.

me, is clearly indicated by the political declarations above cited. To oppose the growing political demand for national and municipal ownership will be to oppose the inevitable and at the same time seriously impair the growing influence of the Socialist movement.

tion the industrial struggle goes on as fiercely as elsewhere, men, women and children battle with each other in their struggle to secure a master and the master presses their lives into private wealth just as mercilessly; that with all the programme advocated by Hearst adopted in the United States a Socialist party would necessarily be demanding the right to work and the right to live for the masses, because private property in the means of labor and of life—the very soul of our present society—is not touched by Hearst's programme, nor by the programme of any political party on earth except the Socialist party.

Chicago, March 7. Chas. J. Morgan.

Socialistic Gems of Thought. It is a remarkable thing to contemplate that in a world in which everyone has individual tastes and preferences, the great majority of human beings are doing work in which they either have no interest, or which they positively dislike to do.—Franklin H. Wentworth.

only Democratic reformers, but populist and Republican voters as well. "With the passing of the Democratic party which has now outlived its usefulness, only two great political parties will confront the people, one, the Republican party dominated by capitalism, and corporate power; the other, the Socialist party, advocating the principles of justice, equality before the law; to the laborer the full product of his toil; the public ownership of all private monopolies and the means of production; the right of private property by individuals and the elevation and enlightenment of the human race.

gether the riches accumulated by them, will also be relieved, and therefore should hail with joy the coming of Socialism. Mr. Heiter has discovered that the salient point of difference between dumb animals and reasoning man becomes evident by the latter's loving thoughtfulness in not only piling up something for the rainy days that may be in store for himself, but also for the use of his children and his children's children.

the country tries to establish; that creates a widening chasm between a part of the population, growing smaller in numbers at the same rate at which the wealth of those composing it increases, and the people as such; that stunts and smothers the talents of hundreds of thousands of children under the crushing weight of dire poverty, while it maintains in unhealed luxury the pampered children of the few for no other reason, but the stupid and unjust one, that the fathers or the grandfathers of these succeeded by hook or crook in obtaining a foothold on the bandwagon of Pluto? Does it not strike the Reverend Heiter as good reasoning that it is uphill work to teach religion in the face of glaring examples of injustice which leaders of the church make it their business to condone with all kinds of foolish pretensions and make-believe charity? E. D.

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NOTES FROM YANKEE-LAND.

Philadelphia comrades will celebrate the anniversary of the commune and Prof. Herron will make an address. Three school directors at Coaldale, Pa., were elected by the Socialists. They will raise the teachers' salaries.

Local charters have been granted during the past week to Norfolk, Va., and Fairhope, Ala. The South is waking up. Swedish Socialists of New York are raising funds to assist the working people of Sweden to gain universal suffrage.

The Socialists carried every point in the Panther creek coal region, Pennsylvania, except the town of Summit Hill.

New York Social Democrats will hold a nine-days' fair in the interests of their daily paper fund, beginning next month.

The Anti-De Leon S. L. P.s were repulsed by the Socialist party of Pennsylvania, and will form a separate national organization.

Comrade A. S. Edwards of Chicago will assist in the Montana campaign, making addresses at various points and remaining until election day.

Comrade S. J. Hampton of Bonham, Tex., and State Secretary Morgan of Nebraska are preparing to make organizing tours of their states.

Milwaukee workers are requested to send in the names of Polish shopmates who are interested in Socialism so that an organizer may be sent to them.

In ten towns in Massachusetts, where the Socialists had a ticket in the election of March 2, the total Socialist vote increased from 1022 in the last state election to 4425.

Comrade Alfred J. Swing of 412 Pike building, Cincinnati, has a lot of Socialistic lantern slides that he will duplicate, for comrades at other places for a trifling cost.

Charters have been granted to new local branches in Huntington, Hardy, and Diamond, Arkansas; Ashville, N. C.; Luther, La., and Huntington, W. Va. The latter was organized by Comrade Owen Bowen of Ashland, Ky.

A three months' lecture tour of the carpenters' unions in the Middle Western states is being arranged for Comrade John W. Clayton of New Castle, Pa., Socialist councilman and business agent of the Trades and Labor Assembly of that city.

Comrade Julius Vahlteich of Chicago, who was private secretary to Ferdinand Lassalle during his career as an organizer, will be one of the speakers at the commune celebration in Brooklyn March 20. Comrade Hillquit will also speak.

The following county committee for Rock county, Wis., has been appointed: Comrades Allen Pardee, chairman, Janesville; Joseph Delaney, secretary, Janesville; Patrick Garretts, Edgerton; Fred Burdick, Milton Junction; P. Christofferson, Beloit.

Following is the programme for the free lectures in Philadelphia which the comrades are conducting with considerable success: Sunday, March 6, "Position of the Socialists in America," by Dr. G. Metzler; March 8, "How we Get a Living," by Frank Wright; March 15, "Socialism Inevitable, How it May Come," by William H. Hoffnagle; March 22, "Reform or Revolution, Which?" by Edward Moore; "Evolution of the Family," by A. J. Marzolin. The lectures are held at the headquarters, Logan building, 1305 Arch street, are free, and are always followed by discussion.

The Collectivist Society is a new national organization recently formed for the purpose of pursuing economic studies.

Among its members are Mrs. Corinne Brown of Chicago; Peter Burrows, New York; Rev. Charles P. Connolly, Hiawatha, Kas.; W. J. Ghent, author of a "Benevolent Feudalism," New York; Rev. Owen H. Lovejoy, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; George Strohbell, Newark, N. J.; Lawrence B. Howard, Plainfield, N. J.; James W. Trimble, Montclair, N. J.; Rufus Weeks, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Henry White, secretary United Garment Workers' Union, New York; Rev. Leighton Williams, New York; Miss M. R. Holbrook, secretary, P. O. box 1063, New York.

Lively Times in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Legislature on March 3 refused to pass a bill giving the Socialist party representation on the ballot law commission and the boards of election throughout the state. The defeat upon this measure was most bitter. Carey, Socialist, contended that the 34,000 men who voted the Socialist ticket last election were entitled to see the votes counted; that at least 6000 votes had been stolen from the Socialist party last election day. Luce, a leading Republican, attacked the Socialist party, saying it was but a side issue and Socialism could not be realized in 500 years unless human nature was changed. He predicted a revolution as in France, if the Socialists continued agitating. MacCartney, Socialist, scored Luce, showing that the Republican was illogical, in first claiming Socialism as too idealistic to be realized, and in the next breath denouncing it as a monster inciting bloody revolutions. The Socialist party was legal party and should have representation. "What are the anti-Socialists afraid of?" asked MacCartney. "Luce said the Socialists would have to whip the Republicans in order to receive recognition. Well, gentlemen, we will whip him. He does not stand for a fair count, and of what good to us is a ballot, the purity of which has been handed to us from our fathers if in the last moment it is counted by our enemies?"

Wisconsin State Work.

Wyoceca, Wis., March 9.—Nothing impresses me so favorably as the educational phase of the Socialist work. In every community there are Socialists who are industrious and persistent in study. Farmers will spend winter days and half of the nights away into the wee small hours reading scientific books, determined to become masters of the subject. They are not content with one of the number to read Socialist books to them while they work. Their manner of work being indoors and quiet, enables them to have a reader read to them. In this way they master the scientific literature that underlies the Socialist philosophy. At Daulton we had two good meetings. One had to be omitted on account of a farmers' institute.

At Janesville the house was packed to the doors. Comrade Gaylord, state organizer, was on hand, having delivered a telling speech to a mass labor meeting there the day before. The local comrades are getting their ticket in the field and arranging for a strong campaign. Gaylord is everywhere present at the point of need. The work is going splendidly and the daily papers had two reporters at the lecture, who are turning in a full write-up.

At Pacific we had two splendid meetings in the county school house among the farmers. Some folks think that a farmer can't be a Socialist. If you can't read and write, it is no excuse. We had three splendid meetings the Sunday night meeting packed the school house to the utmost.

At Portage we had a small but interesting meeting. The lecture, "The League here yet, but a little time will work wonders." I go to Wyoceca tonight and thence northward this week towards Minnesota, where State Secretary Holman writes me he is already has nearly fifty dates arranged. Carl D. Thompson.

ACROSS THE HERRING POND.

All the capitalist parties in Saxony have combined to fight the Social Democrats. The Socialists are smiling in their sleeves!

Socialists of Japan are holding big mass meetings in different towns and there is a strong agitation on for universal suffrage.

In Codigoro, Italy, the Socialists won complete victory in municipal election. In Vigerano, Italy, the Socialists secured the mayor and board of administration.

The latest Socialist project in Zurich, Switzerland, is to tax every inhabitant over 16 years old 80 cents a year, the state adding 20 cents. This would yield about \$118,000, which would be used to secure the services of forty physicians, who would take care of the whole population of the city.

A notable victory has been won by the Socialists of Offenburg, Germany. Heretofore the Center party had control and the Socialists had but one seat. Now the latter have 15, the Democrats 9, Liberals 3, and Ultramontane party 1. In Berghausen the Socialists also swept the city.

The city of Catania in Sicily has carried by a heavy majority a referendum proposed by the Socialists in favor of the establishment of municipal bakeries. The announcement of the result was celebrated by a great parade, 20,000 persons marching with torches and red flags. The parade was followed by a public meeting at which the Socialist Deputy De Felice delivered an eloquent address.

Union Men, Write Them a Letter.

While many advertisers have responded to the solicitation of organized labor and withdrawn their patronage from the notorious scab Los Angeles Times since the fight has been inaugurated against that paper, yet several advertisers positively refuse to quit helping the Times. Following is a list of advertisers who have spurned the requests of organized labor: "Cuticura"—Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Shoop Family Medicine Co., Racine, Wis. (Box 636); Duffy's Malt Whisky Co., Rochester, N. Y.; "Force"—The Force Food Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; "H-O"—Hornby Oatmeal Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; "Postum"—Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Mich.; "Herpicide Compound"—Col. F. B. Stevens, Globe Bldg., Boston, Mass.; "Peruna"—Peruna Medical Co., Columbus, Ohio; "Herpicide Dandruff Cure"—The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.; "Wilson Whisky"—Wilson Distilling Co., 100 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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IMPORTANT! TAKE NOTICE!

If you are a delegate from your Branch or Union to attend the Herald meeting, remember that it takes place this Saturday, March 14th, at 8 P. M., at Kaiser's Hall, 298 Fourth Street. Don't forget that this will also be the first meeting of the Social Democratic Consumers' League. Women are specially invited to attend.

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Meeting of Milwaukee Central Committee, S. D. P.

Monday Eve., March 2.—Meeting called to order by secretary, Comrade C. T. H. Westphal in chair. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read; forty-three applications for membership. All of whom were accepted and referred back to their respective branches. New delegates seated as follows: Seventh ward, J. Boerker, Jr. and Alb. Fox in place of A. Guenther and N. Petersen; Ninth ward, F. Borniss in place of H. Bruha. Bills and accounts to the amount of \$13.00 were allowed. Report of committee and delegates. Committee on securing speaker for our picnic granted further time. Committee on investigating the application of F. Immler reported having visited him and on being approached he made the following statement: "If left alone I will leave alone. But will not enter the party with my hands tied down" this together with the reading of a communication to Comrade Bistorius, written by Immler, caused quite a discussion and the following motion by Comrade Sheehan prevailed: Moved that the application of F. Immler be rejected. Motion carried by a rising vote of 35 to 6. Comrade Eisner spoke in behalf of the W. E. C. and asked for more volunteers; following comrades volunteered to serve on committee: Comrades Thos. Reynolds, Carl Kleist, Geo. Bartheis, J. Miller, Comrades Gorecki and Rooney reported that the Barkowski meeting had proved very successful. The secretary stated that quite a number of branches had failed to vote on the bylaws as yet, and on motion the branches were granted another month's time. The secretary was directed to mail another copy of the bylaws to those branches that had failed to take a vote as yet, and to furthermore notify them that they must state number of votes cast for and against. On motion it was decided not to enter in the judicial election this spring. Comrades Rooney and Westphal spoke in behalf of the Auxiliary Club and announced that the secretary had directed the Central Committee purchase fifteen more shares of stock in the Social Democratic Herald Publishing Co. On motion it was decided to have application and delegates slips printed. Edmund T. Melms, Secy.

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With the Workers.

There's an organization of plutes known as the National Economic League, which aims to stem the tide toward Socialism by giving the working class "good literature." It makes a few clerical jobs for a number of men who are playing on the fears of the big manufacturers, but we doubt if any other result will be had. It is a sort of twin bird to the National Civic Federation. One of the funny results of the National Educational League's activity is the fact that some of the card color carriers that it is sending out for contributions are being used by workmen to send in subscriptions to Socialist papers. We have already received several and one letter, just to hand, may be given as a sample:

Social Democratic Herald: I enclose 50 cents in one of the N. E. L. color cards for which send a text weeks' trial subscription to the following. Also send the undersigned ten copies of the Herald edition and ten copies of the single tax edition. All in answer to the National Economic League. Indianapolis, March 4. Will Barrett.

Secretary Wilson of the Plymouth (Wis.) branch writes that his comrades have arranged for a picnic on June 14, and suggests that the Milwaukee Socialists might use the occasion for an excursion. Plymouth has a natural park of great beauty and great preparations are being made.

Next comes a letter from the capital of the Mormons, which would seem to point this moral for other faiths: That to oppose Socialism is to lose church members. If the church people cannot be Socialists with the permission of the church, they will become such without it:

Dear Herald: I herewith send you \$1 in payment of subscription to your paper. The movement here is growing splendidly, but the Mormon Church is very much against us, as they say their church is the only solution and all others are damned. It is very hard to change them or discuss the question with them, as they are absolutely religious and economic slaves to their priests, spending all their money in the end the social question and economic conditions open their eyes and we have a great bulk of Mormons in our ranks. Socialism is working every way; it is the apple of Christianity into practical life. John N. Schiek.

Salt Lake City, March 2. Social Democratic Herald: The prospects for Socialism look very bright here at present. We had three splendid meetings last week and a large meeting of the central body Sunday. On account of following so closely on the Thompson meeting we do not feel able to attend an Edwards meeting, but mean to have him some time in the future. W. H. Phelps.

Janesville, March 4. Editor of Social Democratic Herald: Just at present we have a great task before us. William Hearst of New York is talking about running for the nomination for President on the Democratic ticket. And what about that? There would be nothing about that, but—this Hearst is a wolf in a sheep's skin. He is making up a platform which is to look like the Social Democratic party's. It is but a mean trick of Hearst's. Beware, ye Social Democrats, he is setting a trap for you! Don't let yourselves be caught by it. Hearst's "public ownership" is but a piece of bacon to lead his victims into a trap. What he calls "destroying the trusts" is—why, it is to laugh. Do you believe he means to destroy the trusts? He's a peach. "Destroying trusts" by William Hearst is like receiving the "full dinner pail" by William McKinley. Now we will have to beat him. He must not get ahead of us and win many Socialists and unionists by his fakes. He is going to send his literature to all unions of the country, and we must help to open the million's eyes. Hearst's platform, containing public ownership.

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Dear Herald: I had a little "quarrel" today with the editor of the Nordstern, a German Roman Catholic weekly, about the Rev. Heiter, who holds meetings in Chicago against the Socialists. The substance of the "quarrel" was this: He—the editor—says that Heiter wanted to debate Socialism with some of the Socialists, but no one could be found to debate with him. I said that the Socialists would be glad to debate with Heiter, but HE would not. Now, am I right, or is that "editor" right. Please give me a little information on that subject. F. C. Fischer.

St. Cloud, Minn., March 2. You were most certainly correct. Socialists would like only too well to get at the reverend gentleman. He got enough of debating in Buffalo, as you will see by a letter elsewhere in this issue.

The writer of the following letter takes the sensible view. Socialists have nothing

to hide from the church; let the church be equally frank:

Dear Herald: The Socialists are getting there. This in itself is proof enough that thousands of Catholics are becoming Socialists. The church becomes alarmed. Why, I do not know. If Socialism is something bad, it cannot last; and if it is something good, why not embrace it? The Catholics who investigate Socialism find that there is nothing in the teachings of Socialism to conflict with their religion, but they had lots of beautiful things that are in conformity with true religion. We Socialists are not attacking religion and never will. Plymouth, March 9.

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