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CONTRACTS ARE BASELY VIOLATED

Shippers' Association Throws Down the Union -- Daily Papers Misrepresent Case -- Full Account of Actual Occurrences -- Only True Story

Because of the perfidy of the Puget Sound shipping association, one thousand Seattle longshoremen are locked out and the steamships Buckman, Tampico, Santa Clara, Farallon, Bertha, Jeannie, Montera and Eva are tied up at various docks.

Last January at the end of a decisive strike, the Puget Sound Shipping Association, of which all ship owners and ship agents and all employing stevedores except Rothschild & Company are members, signed an agreement with the Longshoremen's Union, in which the closed shop was clearly stipulated. The agreement was for one year, was in writing and was signed by a committee of the Ship Owners' Association and by the officers of the Longshoremen's Union.

Two days later, McCabe, of McCabe and Hamilton Stevedore Co., denied that they were members of the association, and refused to carry out the agreement.

President O'Neil and Secretary Chester, of the local Longshoremen's Union, took the matter up with officials of the Puget Sound Shipping Association, who still insisted that McCabe and Hamilton were members of the shipowners association and agreed to straighten the matter out. A few days later, however, they informed the officers of the Union that McCabe and

Hamilton had dropped out of the association and that they could not make them keep the agreement which they had made for them. McCabe and Hamilton then continued to do business as a scab institution.

A short time ago, McCabe and Hamilton and the Washington Stevedore Company consolidated under the name of the International Investment Co., and Capt. Gibson, who has posed as a capitalist friend of union men, and a "union man at heart," became the head of the combined firms. The consolidation was publicly acknowledged, but separate offices were still maintained, and the McCabe and Hamilton part of the business continued to do business as a scab institution.

Officers of the Union took the matter up with Capt. Gibson, who represented himself as powerless and referred them to former Manager Buddie, of McCabe and Hamilton's at Tacoma. The officers of the Union were unable to find Buddie, and took up the matter with Andrews who had been made manager for the consolidated stevedores at that place. Andrews stated practically that the employment of scabs was the settled policy of the International Investment Company and could only be changed by the board of directors of the company.

The officers then called on George H. Walker, attorney for the corporation. Walker stated that the directors would hold a meeting on July 15, and agreed that if the union would make a statement in writing, that he would see that it was brought before the board. This the union did.

On July 16 the officers of the union again called on Walker, who said that the directors had not met. The officers of the union again called on Captain Gibson, who stated that the directors had met on July 14, without taking any action on the matter, but that they would meet again "soon."

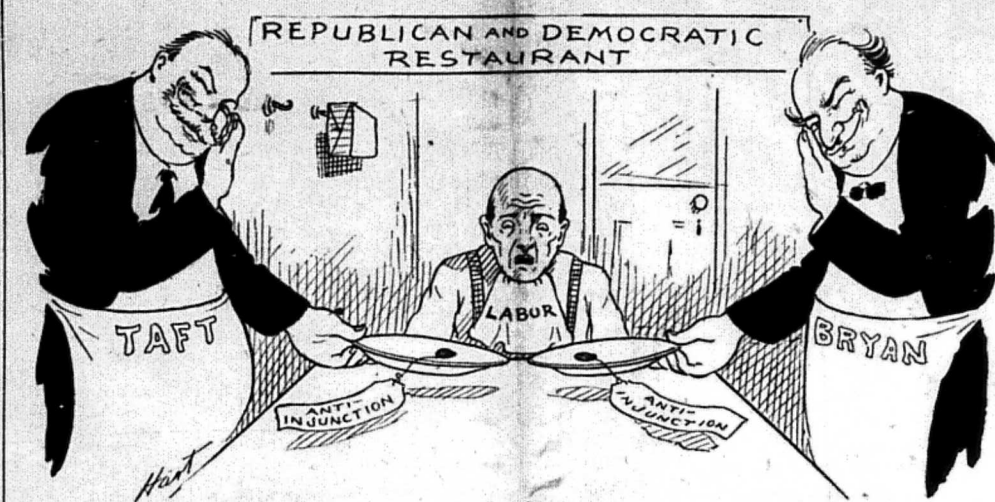
Tired of these successive "stalls," and having exhausted every other means of effecting a peaceful solution, on July 18, the Union notified the International Investment Company that unless the agreement to which both the Washington Stevedore Company and McCabe and Hamilton had been parties was carried out by July 20, the Union men would be withdrawn from the International Investment Company. Captain Gibson, who to the last had posed as a "Union man at heart," went before the Ship Owners Association, and this association notified the Longshoremen's Union that the contract of last January, which provided for a closed shop, had been violated by the Union because the Union had refused to work with the scabs employed by the International Investment Company.

This week the Ship Owners are endeavoring to load their ships with non-union men, about twenty-five scabs having been secured. Most of these are at work on the Buckman. These, of course, are unexperienced men, and the freight that has fallen overboard, and been smashed through careless handling, is safe to say, exceeds what it would have cost to have had the ship loaded by Union men.

Owing to the fact that the longshoremen are well organized, and that experience is absolutely necessary for the proper loading of freight, there is little doubt as to the outcome of the strike. Despite the fact that there are many thousands of workmen out of employment in Seattle, the ship owners have not succeeded in securing over twenty-five scabs.

The Geo. E. Starr has been fitted up as boarding ship for the strike-breakers. About the same sanitary conditions prevail on board this vessel, as were maintained on the boarding ship used for strike-breakers last winter, which were described as something awful. Small pox finally broke out on account of the disease promoting conditions.

Several gentlemen, of the kind of "far-sighted patriots who deplore the growth of that evil thing, class consciousness," after the fashion of the Citizens' Alliance, are employing thugs and plug uglies to create disorder. The Seattle "Star," believed by some people to be friendly to organized labor, charged the Union with re-



A Poor Meal for a Hungry Man

sorting to violence in last Thursday's issue. Members of the Union, however, have endeavored to ferret out the perpetrators of all acts of violence and on the same day, a thug who gave the name of Joe Priest was taken into custody by two Union men while flourishing a revolver, and turned over to the nearest policeman.

A. B. CALLAHAN.

GOMPERS HIT 15 TIMES

Straw Vote in Central Labor Council of Seattle.

Fifty members of the Central body of Seattle Labor Union, composed of "Leaders" for the most part, were confronted with Gompers' appeal to support Bryan at their last meeting, Wednesday night, July 22, 1908.

The Bryan rooters were there in force and demanded a "straw vote." They got it. Only two Socialist Party members were there.

Here's the vote: Taft, 4; Debs, 15; Bryan, 31.

Wait till later in the campaign, when the Bryan-Gompers influence has cooled down.

Wait till the Debs Special Train has passed across the country.

Wait till the Bryan "Leaders" in the Central Labor Council hear from the rank and file.

Then we'll find the tables turned on Bryan. He'll not even have 15.

Hurrah for Debs!

LABOR TROUBLE IN SWEDEN

News not seen in the "P-I." or the "Times."

Reported by Arthur Jensen.

The Dock Workers' strike in the Swedish seaports has taken a critical turn. English strike-breakers have been imported in large numbers.

In Gothenburg, the most important seaport and second largest city in Sweden, the conflict seems especially acute.

On June 29th the police attacked a crowd of several thousands strikers and sympathizers gathered to attend a mass meeting, at which the arrival of 350 English strike-breakers was to be discussed. The police were greeted with a volley of stones and a few shots were fired. Many were beaten with the policemen's clubs, while several members of the police force were wounded by stones. Several benches were taken out of the labor temple, broken up and used as weapons against the police. The next day the harbor was strongly guarded and no one was allowed to loiter about there.

All breweries and bakeries in and around Gothenburg under pressure of the Labor Unions refused to deliver foodstuffs to the strike-breakers, so the Swedish "patriots" showed their international trend of mind by ordering bread and beer in Elsenore, Denmark, a few miles across the border. The breweries here, however, refused

to fill the orders while one bakery consented to send bread, but this resulted in a walkout of the bakery employees.

June 30th trouble again commenced, when the police charged a crowd of about 20,000 people, which had gathered in "Iron Square." The attacks were answered with shouts and the singing of the "Marseillaise." Finally the police succeeded in driving the crowd into the adjoining streets. Several minor skirmishes took place during the day. Complete disorder reigned. The police chased people about without aim and used their sabres freely without considering whom they were striking. Many were wounded, but no arrests were made.

In the evening of the 1st of July thousands again gathered on "Iron Square," but this time they were not molested.

On the same day a gunboat arrived in the harbor and anchored alongside one of the boycotted ships.

A steamer with a cargo of grain arrived in Helsingborg, Sweden, July 2nd, and when it could not be unloaded, because of the strike, it was sent to Elsenre, Denmark, to be unloaded there. However, when the Danish laborers learned of the situation, they refused to work. Finally, the firm sent four members of its office force to unload the grain, which was then sent across the Sound back to Helsingborg on freight cars, carried by the ferry.

On July 4th the situation became critical. Troops were landed close to Gothenburg and several blank shots were fired and cannons were discharged from the gunboats into the water.

At a mass meeting of all organized labor a resolution was passed expressing the desire of a settlement by peaceful conferences, but if this should prove impracticable, the workmen and sympathizers were advised to prepare well for a struggle against the danger of defeat. The Resolution closed by asking the strikers to show quiet and self control.

In Stockholm, on July 4th, the harbor and the adjoining district was heavily guarded for the alleged purpose of protecting the strike-breakers.

During the first two weeks of July, negotiations were held between representatives of the employers' association and organized labor with the aim of bringing about a settlement in the lock-out between the building trades and the master builders of Stockholm and Central Sweden. If no settlement was reached before July 11th a general lock-out of all organized labor in Sweden was to be declared.

(From "Social-Demokraten," Copenhagen.)

TO MEMBERS OF LOCAL SEATTLE

Comrades: The series of Monday Evening Lectures by Hermon F. Titus, beginning August 3 in our new Headquarters, Marxian Hall, affords a double opportunity for all of us.

First. We can all review our Knowledge of Scientific Socialism and bring it up to date. The coming campaign will force every Socialist to brush up and be ready to answer the questions of inquirers and to meet the arguments of opponents.

These eight "Lectures and Questions" are the most comprehensive ever attempted in Seattle and cover the entire field of Socialist thought. Comrade Titus announces he will adopt the Socratic method, according to which both teacher and pupils become investigators together.

Every lecture is sure to be replete with liveliest debates, with not a dull minute. Anyone who wishes to ascertain "What Socialism Really is" will never have a better chance. The Executive Committee especially urges all the new members of the Local to attend and thus thoroughly inform themselves and fit themselves for intelligent membership.

Second. Every resident member of Local Seattle will be furnished two Course Tickets to dispose of. Any member who turns in two dollars for these Two Course Tickets will receive free one Course Ticket for himself.

It is hoped by this plan to make it possible for every member, even if out of work and too poor to buy a ticket himself, to get the benefit of the Lectures.

Also, this plan will relieve the financial stringency in the Local treasury. Our new Hall is very expensive, costing \$135 a month for rent alone. We have not sublet it during July and the second month's rent will be due August 5. We have no money to meet it. But if our 126 members all hustle to sell these tickets, we shall have plenty of money on hand at once, as at the very least calculation the Local will make over one hundred dollars clear on this Lecture Course, after all expenses have been deducted. If the members work with a will selling tickets and jalking up the lectures, we may just as well make two hundred dollars and get a splendid start in the Fall Campaign.

Comrades, it is up to you. There are hundreds of outsiders and near-Socialists who will be eager to attend this authorized elucidation of the Principles of Socialism. We can thus get about all the money from interested parties outside our own ranks.

ARTHUR JENSEN,
Secretary Local Seattle.

July 22, 1908.

- Lectures and Dates
1. August 2. The Method; or Socialism and Science.
 2. August 10. The Classes; or Socialism and History.
 3. August 17. Surplus Value; or Socialism and Economics.
 4. August 24. Tactics; or Socialism and Politics.
 5. August 31. Confiscation; or Socialism and Property.
 6. Sept. 7. Brotherhood; or Socialism and Morals.
 7. Sept. 14. Monism; or Socialism and Religion.
 8. Sept. 21. Internationalism; or Socialism and Race.

COMING

We are glad to announce that Ernest Untermann, the translator of Marx's "Capital", Socialist author and at present Socialist Party candidate for Governor of Idaho, will become one of the "Regular Contributors, on the staff of "The Socialist."

Comrade Untermann promises a short Propaganda article week by week during the campaign and later in the season some translations from Plechanoff, our Russian comrade, and from Untermann's own writings in German.

Untermann is too well known to need any commendation. His accession to the Contributing Staff of "The Socialist" will be in line with the constant policy of this paper to educate its readers in the Theory and Practice of Scientific Socialism, or Marxism. We seek to represent Proletarian Truth and welcome all discussion to that end.

There is no more prolific and forceful and capable writer on Socialism in America than Ernest Untermann. "The Socialist" may not always agree with him, but that fact is complimentary to both Untermann and "The Socialist."

John F. Hart, our cartoonist, reap-ears this week in the best skin on the Anti-Injunction nonsense which we have seen. Ryan Walker also writes us very cordial letters and we expect cartoons from him also. Both these artists are unequalled Socialist satirists. "The Socialist" has been too poor to print many cartoons lately, though the pioneer in such work.

Look out for more of Hart's and Walker's shots as the campaign progresses.

We have in view some more translations from Gustav Bang, whose "Anarchism" was so well received by our subscribers. Our translator, Arthur Jensen, is at work on a series of articles fully as important as those on Anarchism. Details later.

"The Socialist" will enter next month on its ninth year. You need not fear to subscribe for "The Socialist." You will get your money's worth. It will not "suspend."

A NOVEL GATHERING.

A congress of Socialist officials from Danish city and village Councils closed in Copenhagen June 30th after three days of deliberation. 234 delegates, representing about 1,000 elected officials, were present. Of these 136 were from 42 city councils and 98 from 68 village councils. 127 were actual wage workers, 10 owned from one-half to five acres of land, while only 2 were actual farmers, 21 were editors and journalists, 12 teachers in public schools, 10 civil service men, 9 merchants, 5 managers of co-operative stores, 5 bookkeepers, 3 restaurant proprietors, 1 sawmill owner, 1 civil engineer, 1 veterinary surgeon and 6 in other occupations.

The first Socialist was elected to a Danish city council in 1892 and until 1900 but few Socialists were found in the city and village councils. Now they have a majority in a few city councils in spite of the fact that half of the members in each city council are elected by men paying a certain minimum of tax. This obstacle will have been removed at the next elections and the Socialists expect to carry the day in most cities. A bill was named passed at last session of the national legislative body giving all men equal suffrage in municipal elections—"Social-Demokraten."

The new Prussian Landtag has met. Among those prevented from attending was Dr. Karl Liebknecht, a son of Wilhelm Liebknecht and one of the newly elected Socialist members, who is serving a one and one-half years sentence in prison for anti-militarist propaganda. A demand was made for his release but without avail. An appeal was taken to the imperial chancellor without success.

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Let there three Northwest States be the very first to respond. We are not asking a dollar a day from the National organization, as poor Wisconsin is, but let us show our spirit by an immediate dollar-a-member contribution to the "Red Special."

Instead of one speech in Oregon and two in Washington, this will give these states at least a dozen speeches a piece, and fifty stops besides, where the crowds can gather, hear the band play and cheer for Socialism. In all other states East and West, comrades, get in line for "The Red Special."

FREE SPEECH

FRISCO WINS FREE SPEECH.

San Francisco, July 18th, 1908.

Editor Seattle Socialist:

Socialist Party wins free speech fight. What was thought would be a long drawn out fight between the Socialists and the police, came to a close last night, after a delegation from Local San Francisco went before the Police Commissioners protesting against the Police interference. After the usual side-stepping and bickering of the commissioners and of the Police, they finally, about two o'clock in the morning, came to the conclusion that Socialists are men who cannot be deterred from fighting for the Right of Free Speech, by policemen's clubs and incarceration in jail, and at last threw up the sponge—LICKED, admitting the Socialists the right to peacefully assemble.

L. H.

LOS ANGELES JAIL FIGHT.

Los Angeles Pool Capitalists are trying to outdo Farrell's Moore-Wapenstein persecution in Seattle. The comrades have been committed to jail till October awaiting trial, four women and several men. Lindwall formerly of Seattle, now organizer in Los Angeles, has organized "Branch City Jail" of Local Los Angeles. They pass resolutions, send out manifestos, select other comrades to come into jail and carry on a vigorous propaganda among the "inmates" of the Jail.

It is magnificent, and the authorities are already in the position of the man who caught the bear and didn't know how to let go.

Already one woman prisoner succumbed to the barbarous surroundings and had to be released on \$200 bail. The Mayor has copied "Labor Mayor" Moore of Seattle by setting apart one spot as a "Reservation" where the laws do not apply.

Comrades all in Los Angeles, never give up the ship. Even if one of you shall die in that hell hole of a Jail, it is the same old fight for Freedom and is just as worthy of death now as in the days of Jesus Christ or Socrates or John Brown or the great army of those "whose names are all unknown."

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The present steady growth of the Party proves that the growth is a healthy one and is not the result of a "hotbed" process, thus assuring the stability of the party organization in this state and that right now we are laying the basis for a continuance of the pending campaign on the day after election.



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As some years o' worldly knockin'
'Gainst the tide has notioned me,
When the grain o' hell's against yod
'Taint no use to cuss or cry,
Cause the skinners' round are mock-
in'
Up and bat 'em on the eye!

Makes no difference where your
aimin',
Plutes will say you're in the dark,
And they'll rubber round a sneerin',
That they "fall to see your mark!"
When they come to catechise you—
Never stop to argy—
They will get your aim much quicker
If you bat 'em on the eye.

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With a wise two-legged mule,
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If you're on the sop box preachin',
And you hear a skinner bray,
When you 'mong the stars a soarin'
Never waste yer breath explainin'
How we'll fix 'im by and by,
Take a shorter cut to reach him,
Go and bat him on the eye.

If you meet an unsocked patriot
With a cap-tal-tic mind,
Half his front yard to the weather
And his shirt tail out behind,
And he yells like all damnation
'Bout our country "Grand and high"
'Fore he begs ten cents for dough-
nuts
Up and swat him on the eye.

For the past five years—off and
on—I have been trying to turn "an
honest living"—by writing cards on
the streets of Denver. As long as I
"behaved myself" the Fire and Police
Board very graciously allowed me a
"permit" to sit in a dirty alley and
earn a living for wife and babes—
but semi-occasionally my proletarian
blood would get to boiling over with
indignation from musing on the slav-
ery and contumely heaped upon my
class—and forgetting an assumed
promise "to be good" I would find a
soap box and on a convenient street
corner kick up a "devilish rumpus"
about "wage slavery." Indeed the
police told me on several occasions
that I yelled so loud I disturbed the
good and elect silk-stockinged gen-
try on Capital Hill—some twenty blocks
distant.

Mike Delaney, chief of Denver Cos-
sacks, would haul me to the bull
pen, allowing me, without charge
several days lodging, ample time to
let my blood "cool down to normal
temperament" as he expressed it.
The Fire and Police Board would
cancel my permit to write cards until
such time as hunger compelled obedi-
ence.

Alternately, for five years, I have
been fighting the police of Denver for
the right of free speech as Socialist
agitator and begging them for the
gracious privilege of earning my
bread by writing cards in an alley
way on 16th street, Denver, for the
fanatics of Capital Hill.

For nearly two whole years after
losing every thing, clothing and all,
in San Francisco earthquake (coming
back to Denver) I "behaved myself,"
(like a docile microbe on the editor-
ial staff of a big daily paper.)

Only once did I slip away my blood
on fire—but I went far east to help
arouse the working men of the coun-
try to the peril confronting organized
labor in the cut-throat attempt of the
mine owner footpads to hang Moyer-
Haywood & Pettibone. On coming
back I went obediently to work at
my old job of writing calling cards,
invitations, place cards and love let-
ters for the illiterate, gold plated
degenerates on Capitol Hill. Kept
the pace like a stupid meek little
Jack Ass until I read of the im-
prisonment of my good friend and
loyal comrade, Freeman Knowles of
the Deadwood "Lantern." I think my
blood jumped up from zero to about
400 in the shade of the dirty alley
where I wrote cards along side of the
Great Joslin dry goods store. I for-
got my promise to be good, hunted
up my abandoned soap box and sal-
lied out to the corner of 16th and
California St. Kept coming back
then every night like the proverbial
cat. Got to saying things—made
more noise than forty cats. Police
didn't know "who in the devil" the
lunatic was for some weeks. The
fellow yelling his head off about
"wage slavery," "social parasites,"
"false imprisonment," "revolution"
and then some, and the guy writing
pretty calling cards on 16th St. didn't
look alike, one was dopy and sleepy
and meek as a half starved suckling
calf, while the other was a rip-roar-
ing buzz-saw, charged with double-
geared lightning, but some one put
the cops wise, and one night just
as I was swinging for a mighty clim-
ax, the sweat running in streams
down the calves of my legs, and
winding away in little rivers through
the dense crowd and over the paved
street, babbling away to Cherry
Creek and on to the great ocean,
just as I had finished classifying the
human race, and had set the great
unwashed army of proletarian slaves
on my right hand and the small
army of capitalistic masters and
over lords on my left, and was clap-
ping my hands and crying "sick
em!" to the hungry hordes on my
right, a brassy, wingless angel with
a shiny star, smiling and scraping,
stepped up to inquire if the calamity
hopper and the card writer were not
one and the same two, and I had
to reply, "we are the same twain,
my lord."

But the card writer, sleepy and
dopy and meek as bossy's half starv-
ed calf, is not to be seen any more
in Joslin alley, neither by the light
of the sun, nor the light of the moon
nor yet by Standard Oil, my lord!
"It is too much!" quoth the po-
lice, "The madness of that Jack
Ass's gall staggereth our opinions!
Nevertheless henceforth and forever,
while the sun shineth or the moon
sparketh or the stars go a gallop-
ing, shall that lousy anarchist des-
ecrate that sacred spot known as

Joslin's Alley, 16th St., Denver, Colo-
rado."
So mote it be or otherwise, I will
never again play bossy's half starved,
meek and docile calf, writing cards
in Joslin's alley for social parasites
on Capital Hill. Never again will
Morgan, the social rebel bow and
scrape to gain a permit to earn bread
by selling his talent as a scribe to
social parasites, the moral and intel-
lectual inferiors of all proletarian
rebels. I have bid a last and long
farewell to the old way of getting
bread. Capitalism drove Morgan the
card writer (erstwhile school teacher)
from the alley where he earned
bread for wife and babes, and Cap-
italism will pay the price of its su-
preme vanity and ignorance, for
throughout the length and breadth of
America Morgan's voice will be
raised swelling still more the mighty
chorus of condemnation and protest
now rising in the United States
from more than 5,000 Socialist agi-
tators: With tongue and pen while
life remains, I shall fight the system
that robs, humiliates and crucifies
my class. Born in the working
class, denied the opportunity to slake
a burning thirst for knowledge in the
plentiful colleges of the land, slaving
on farms, in shops and on railroads,
teaching country schools in my youth
when I should have been in college,
I know no blood but the proletarian,
no ideals but his, no greater hope
than to fight in the ranks with him,
in the forum or in the trenches,
nothing to do but that thing his
wrongs inspire, where he begins
there am I to enlist, where he leaves
off crying "tis well and enough,"
there am I ready to halt, his victory
is my victory, his cross my reward.
Hall to the proletarian class, quick-
ened to life, enlightened and aroused!
Hall, rebels, hall!

Frisco Notes

Local San Francisco has secured
Dreamland Rink, the biggest auditor-
ium in the city, for the Debs meeting
of September 12. The following mem-
bers were elected a committee to
conduct the arrangements for this
demonstration: Comrades Gray, Wil-
liams, Mrs. Sorenson, Patton, Mrs.
Dimmick, Gifford, Hansen, Miss Har-
digan. Dreamland Rink is stated by
the owners to have a possible seat-
ing capacity of 4,700. While it will
not be large enough for Debs, it is
the biggest thing in town.

Local San Francisco elected a com-
mittee of three—Kirk, Sigourney
and Williams—to inform the Police
Commissioner that the Socialists pro-
pose to fight for free speech all along
the line, and have pledged all their
means to maintain in court their
constitutional right to assemble and
utter their convictions. If the Po-
lice Commission refuse to restrain
the police from interfering with our
meetings, there will be the warmest
fight on record in Frisco.

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campaign—eighteen weeks—for a
quarter, five for a dollar. Get the
enclosed sub blank to work at once
and boost for that new stenographer.

Injunction Bill

By Anti-Injunction "Gene."

The Republican party claims to be
entitled to your support. Mr. Taft
pretends to be your friend. Here
are a few facts:

"When the great A. R. U. strike
was on in 1894 the Brotherhood of
Locomotive Engineers issued an or-
der enjoining its members from
handling the cars on the roads on
which the strike was in progress.
These labor men were fighting for
the rights of the men who worked
on the railroads.

"There was an engineer named
Lennon on the Detroit, Cleveland &
Northern Michigan. Rather than dis-
obey the order of the brotherhood
Lennon quit his job. Lennon was
arrested, fined \$50 and sent for
ninety days to jail.
"The man who fined Lennon and
sent him to jail was William Howard
Taft. Taft thought that whole strike
more almost than any other man
served the master class in its effort
to destroy Organized Labor. When
Taft, running on an anti-injunction
platform, asks for the votes of the work-
ingmen he shows what respect he
has for the workers' intelligence. I
don't say this simply in the cause of
Socialism, but because I want the
workers to maintain their intellectual
integrity."—E. V. Debs in St. Louis,
as reported in "Labor."

"LABOR" IN DEMOCRATIC SOUTH.

"The crowning farce of the 'labor
plank' is found in the demands for
an eight-hour day and employers' li-
ability law. These planks were adopt-
ed with Henry B. Clayton of Ala-
bama as the presiding officer. So
far as appearances went in the con-
vention the chairman was enthusiastically
in favor of these planks. But in
his home state the Democratic party
is supreme. Henry B. Clayton can
have almost any legislation he de-
sires enacted in Alabama. Yet there
is no eight-hour law in that state.
There is no employers' liability law
in any southern Democratic state.
On the contrary, the state of Ala-
bama, under the direction of the
same men that have just voted for
this 'Labor Plank' at Denver, refused
to enact a law providing for a ten-
hour limitation for children under
ten years of age. Such promises by
such men may satisfy Samuel Gom-
pers, but we do not believe they
will satisfy the rank and file of the
Trade Unionists of this country."—
Chicago "Daily Socialist."

WHAT ELSE DID YOU EXPECT?

Everett, Wash., July 15, 1908.
Editor Socialist.
Dear Comrade On Monday after-
noon, July the 13th the Everett
"Daily Herald," in a lengthy edi-
torial containing about two columns
of its paper, discussed a Magazine
article from "Pearson's Magazine" by
Mr. James Creelman, under the title,
"Socialism in America." In which
Socialism and Socialists in general
were frightfully scolded and in many
respects grossly misrepresented.
I replied to the editorial the fol-
lowing day as follows:

Everett, Wash., July 13, 1908.
Editor Everett "Daily Herald."
With a considerable degree of in-
terest I have just read the lengthy
editorial in your paper of this date,
entitled, "Socialism in America."
I am not going to ask permission of
you to reply to this editorial, through
the columns of your paper, for I feel
quite sure that you could not afford
me the space for such reply as I
should present if such should be un-
dertaken.

I merely wish to offer a few sug-
gestions which I consider perfectly
proper, and eminently fair, and I
trust that you will kindly favor me
by publishing this short communica-
tion in your paper:
First, Socialism is undoubtedly a
burning issue in the United States
today, and constantly increasing in
intensity. No well informed person
will dispute this fact.

Secondly, This increasing tide of
Socialism in America must be met,
and considered. As a matter of fact
the question must be met fairly and
intelligently.
Thirdly, Socialism is at the present
time being grossly misrepresented
by adherents of both the two old
parties, Mr. James Creelman's arti-
cle in "Pearson's Magazine," the sub-
ject of your editorial, numbering
among these misrepresentations.

Fourthly and lastly, I grant that
it is American—intensely American—
to be fair in all things. In order to
be fair we must be sure, and we
must know the facts, and in order
that we may know the facts we must
investigate both sides of any ques-
tion. Now taking this for granted,
I an American, appealing to Americans
in the spirit of fairness and
truth, ask every one who may have
read the editorial above referred to,
or Mr. Creelman's article in "Pear-
son's Magazine," to read for your-
self the principles of Socialism direct
from its fountain source, its text
books, and after you have done this,
you will be readily informed on the
question and will then be in a posi-
tion to meet the issue intelligently
and fairly.

I know that the average man does
not like to read great volumes in
order to familiarize himself upon the
question of Socialism, and in view of
that fact I am suggesting an easier
and shorter way of getting the neces-
sary information.

There are two little books each of
about two hundred pages, that will
supply just about all the informa-
tion to be had on Socialism which
I would recommend that every per-
son who read the editorial above re-
ferred to, should read. These books
can be supplied for you by your local
bookstore, or your bookstore can order
them for you. Or if they cannot be
supplied to you from that source,
kindly address me and I will see that
you get the information you want, or
the books.

"Principles of Scientific Socialism,"
by Rev. Charles H. Vall, paper cover,
price 35c.
"The Common Sense of Socialism,"
by John Spargo, paper cover, price
25c. Both books are published by
Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago.

Now a word in conclusion. I re-
peat that in the spirit of fairness
and truth, I want every person who
read the editorial referred to here, to
read one or both of the books named
above.

I am an American, also a Socialist,
and am confident that I can defend
the principles of Socialism against all
comers, because Socialism is scienti-
fic and its truth.
I am very respectfully,
W. W. SMITH,
Address: Washington Stove Works.

Now the editor of the paper to
whom the above communication was
sent, poses as a fair and impartial
editor, and who is not afraid of the
truth. But instead of publishing the
letter he printed this editorial:
"The Herald" has received a signed
communication from a member of the
Socialist party in answer to the ex-
tracts from Creelman's article on
Socialism published in Monday even-
ing's issue. The letter is temperate,
something that cannot be said about
most of the communications received
from such sources. Charges of mis-
representation are made, but the real
gist of the letter is advice to the
public to read two volumes upon Social-
ism, names of books, publisher, and
prices carefully given. These are
guaranteed to give the reader a
genuine and a palatable brand of So-
cialism. "The Herald" believes in
fair play, but, while it does not ques-
tion the sincerity of many of the
Socialists, it has no patience with
their propaganda and does not care
to aid the movement in the slightest
degree. Even to oblige its corre-
spondent it does not care to adver-
tise Socialist literature. For that
reason the letter is not published.

How easy it is for our great Re-
publican and Democratic party press
to "sneak" when you hem them in
their little corner.
How easy it is for them to print
everything that is written against
Socialism, even when they know that
it is a lie. But to what extent will
they not go in order to keep the
people in the dark; to conceal the
truth.
Comrades, the situation is getting
interesting! Surely we have them go-
ing fine, splendidly, many of our
man finds it an easy matter to run
our wise? champions of the great
American press, to his corner and
forces him to "sneak."
W. W. SMITH.

Editor's Note—Did you expect the
enemy's paper to fight your battles,
you workingman? Your "Daily Her-
ald" is a Capitalist paper. The Cap-
italists own it and your letter would
hurt Capital. So the editor acted
best for his masters. Write a weak
and foolish letter next time, Comrade
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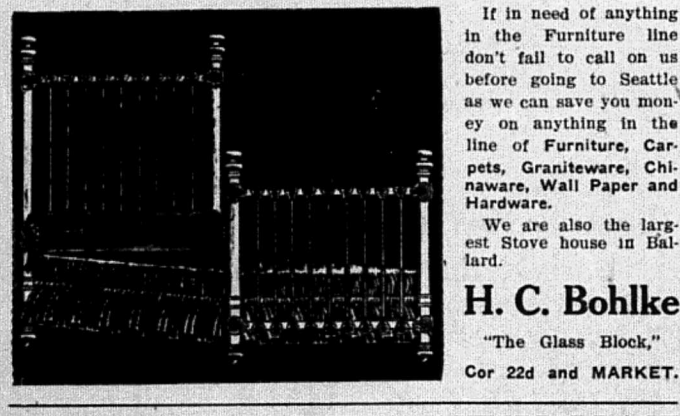
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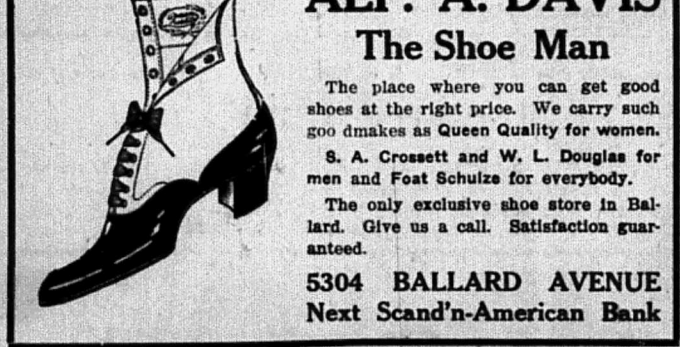
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THE BLANKET STIFF

4. Hospital Graft

As soon as the blanket stiff gets a job he is charged hospital dues. There used to be an unwritten law that a flat rate was charged after a presence of three days in camp. Years ago rates were charged at so much per day. The tendency today is to charge a flat rate, as soon as a man starts working. The result of this practice is rather funny, but nevertheless true. Suppose the blanket stiff goes to work and after two hours work he wants to quit, because he does not like the job. If wages are two dollars a day for ten hours and you have not forgotten your arithmetic you think that man has earned 40 cents, but you are wrong. That blanket stiff owes his master 60 cents. On the very moment he starts to work he contracts a debt of one dollar for hospital dues and when he quits after working two hours he still owes sixty cents. In most states there is no legislation regulating hospital dues. At the last session of the Washington legislature a bill for their abolition was introduced and referred to the judiciary committee. This committee was packed with the men who are getting the dearest of the hospital graft and they killed the bill.

Then the commissioner of labor wrote to the attorney-general to inquire if the taker of hospital dues was not getting money under false pretenses, which is right. The attorney-general said that he was not, which is wrong.
 As this ruling is today the only legal regulation existing in Washington, it might be good to remember its essential features. The setting aside of part of the wages for hospital insurance is legal, says the attorney-general, and can be made a condition of getting employment. The logical result of this fact is then that the payment of hospital dues must be embodied in the labor contract, which means that the employment ticket or the foreman himself when stating the conditions must specifically mention the fact, or that notices to that effect shall be posted in a conspicuous place all around the works. If these conditions are not respected, hospital dues cannot be collected.

Independently from the graft connected with them the hospital dues are an unjustified imposition because in any and every case they shift the financial responsibility for the results of an accident from the employer to the employee, without investigation of any kind.
 But the hospitals or contracting doctors do not receive all the money collected for them. They are generally robbed out of an average one-fifth of the amount due them for the risk they agree to meet. The average employer bases the payments he makes to the hospital on his average working force and he puts this average at about four-fifths of what it really is. But if the employer pays on a fixed basis, there seems to be no limit to the basis on which he collects. If a mill has on the average 30 men working the employer will turn over some 24/100ths to the hospital and keep 6 for himself. Besides if one of these 30 jobs happens to be filled by six different men during the month, he will collect six fees instead of one, and keep them all for himself, but one.
 It should also be added here that the competition amongst privately owned hospitals is so keen that secret refunding to individual members of the firm takes place. The A. Lumber Company agrees to patronize a certain hospital and the private owner of that hospital to get the business turns over part of the A. Company's payments to Mr. A. personally as a commission.
 A saw mill wanted a spur track. It gave its hospital patronage to a doctor who was also a politician, and they got their spur.
 Now, let us go back to general principles.
 Capitalism derives part of its strength from minor forms of graft, which it allows to grow up under its protecting shadow. But capitalism is on the look-out for profit and if the graft gets too fat it wrings the petty grafter's neck off, makes him a wage worker and puts the boodle money in its own pocket.
 This is the story of the latest form of hospital graft. After giving the hospital or contracting doctor only a part of what he was entitled to, the capitalist found the doctor had still too much, so he paid him wages, called it a salary or some better sounding name, and kept the balance of the dues collected.
 I wish you could see some of their hospitals, old barns in which the capitalist would not put his hogs, no ventilation, no drainage, no sewers. And the hospital staff is on a par with the buildings, medical students without experience and looking for it are dubbed doctors and poor relatives or superannuated domestics of the capitalist's family toggled out with a nurse's uniform.
 Talk to any of these wage-earning doctors about Socialism, about the free and able, preventive and progressive medical service which Socialism would call into existence and he will tell you how it would destroy his individuality to become the agent of a great public service, efficient and effective, but the same man forgets

all about his so carefully safeguarded individuality when he thankfully picks up what ever part the capitalist is kind enough to dole him out of the money collected in his name.
 The hospital is worse than the doctor for the blanket stiff. The charitable institution, the religious establishments have to compete with the pure commercial and privately owned wards run for profit. Hospital efficiency and the exploitation of a hospital for profit are incompatibles, they do not go together.
 Last year when a probationary nurse gave a patient in a Seattle hospital corrosive sublimate for lemonade, public opinion took notice. It lasted for a few days and then the matter was dropped. The hospitals keep on using unqualified help under the pretense that they are training schools for nurses. How many blanket stiff have lost their lives on account of a blunder of an incapable nurse in a hospital where the proportion of certificated to training nurse was one to twenty-four. But who cares about a blanket stiff more or less! His health, his life are insignificant details and the capitalist and his hangers-on care a good deal more for the hospital graft than for the man himself.
 HUBERT LANGEROCK.

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Untermann Replies to Kautsky

Finch, Idaho County, Idaho, June 29th, 1908.
 Dear Titus:
 Comrade Kautsky's reply to what he is pleased to call my "attack" on him is a simple evasion of the scientific issue between him and me. He has not even read my article carefully, for if he had, he could not claim that I charged him with working against Dietzgenism in general and myself in particular by private correspondence, "not daring to do it publicly." This last clause has been added to my statement by himself. It is not in my article. I have simply stated a plain fact, namely, that Comrade Kautsky has confined himself to private correspondence in this matter so far, and where he has taken issue with us publicly, he has done so in a roundabout manner. For proof I quoted that article from the "New York Volkszeitung."

It is not true, however, that Kautsky has tried to shield me "against the attacks of his friends," so far as his private correspondence goes. I have in my possession copies of letters, in which he tried to belittle me and made derogatory remarks about me, without knowing anything about my personality and admittedly without having studied the works which he criticized in these letters. I cannot publish these letters, or extracts from them, without the permission of Comrade Kautsky and of the friend who sent them to me. If I can get that permission, I shall publish them.
 If Comrade Kautsky has tried to shield me against any attacks of his friends, I should like to know where and when he has done so. I should certainly be pleased to get proof of one single instance. But I should be still more pleased if Comrade Kautsky and his friends, instead of making personal remarks about me in private and public, would stop shaking their wise heads about my "folies" and answer my arguments. My "folly" consists in differing with Comrade Kautsky about some questions of Socialist science and in refusing to take his own unsupported assertions for scientific argument. His good opinion of me, as his last so-called reply shows, is just as quickly lost as it was acquired, and both his good or bad opinions of me have very little weight with me. He has tried to suppress my views on Dietzgenism, not to give us a chance to fight the issue out fairly in the "Nue Zeit." And because I refuse to be suppressed, because I not only continue to differ from him, but even to push the issue to a point where he will have to meet it, whether he likes it or not, therefore he arrives at the conclusion, that "he was mistaken and his friends were right." I hope to live long enough to prove to Comrade Kautsky and to his friends that, no matter what they may have thought or may think about me personally, I am able to take care of myself without Kautsky's so-called protection, and that both he and his friends were wrong in the matter of Dietzgenism. And if he and they should be too old to learn, there will be plenty of other comrades who will be able to tell on whose side the folly was. At any rate, I think the time will come when Comrade Kautsky and his friends will find it worth their while to answer my "folies."

Fraternally yours,
 ERNEST UNTERMANN.

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PERFECTLY NEUTRAL

By Tom Sladden

Portland, Ore., July 9th, '08.
 H. F. Titus.
 Dear Sir and Comrade: Yours of recent date to hand and contents duly noted.

Now my attitude in this "Party Press" proposition will be to remain perfectly neutral.
 Who owns the press, is a matter of little concern to me except in one way. If the party in three states forms a corporation which is a political party and a capitalist publishing company combined, then if the reflex of that corporation is a freak "educator," I must either support the book publication, or quit the party, or move outside the boundaries of the said states.

Your scheme is good, or rather Wagenknecht's scheme (you have surrendered to them), if what we term revolutionary Socialists continue in control. But the revolutionary element is not liable to remain in control. Oregon is an agricultural state. Outside Portland we have no proletarian movement. Your directors from Oregon would as likely be non proletarian as any others. We have a bunch of the same freaks in Oregon as you have in Washington and they have in Idaho. They are Nuts on the newspaper proposition. All you can hear from them is, "We must have a paper," "the party must have a paper," and every last one of the lobsters are ready to swear by either the "Appeal" or "Wilshire."

I am not yet ready to concede that DeLeon is right in his newspaper proposition. I have very grave doubts along that line. My advise to Titus would have been, if his paper was even paying expenses or near it, to have told Wagenknecht and every one else that did not like the paper and its management to go to hell and start another one.

Titus has run a paper for years (there is no getting around it, it was a Titus institution) and we supported it, because it published what we wanted. Had that paper been in the hands of the three states two years ago, Walter Thomas Mills would have been its editor and all hell could not have stopped him.
 There is only one way the party in Oregon can take this matter up and that is to get five locals in the state or locals with 5 per cent of the membership to demand it. I am satisfied that Portland will not support it for the simple reason that it has taken three years of hard work to educate the members in this local to the point they are now at. They will not change in a minute. They are not interested in any extent in papers owned by the party, for the reason that we have had to fight DeLeonism along those lines all the time. That the party must own the press or the press will own the party, is a fallacy that we have had to fight for years. We can not, if we would, undo the work of years in a few days, weeks or months.

There have been two factors in the paper in Washington that have made it a success: the personality of Titus and the using up of the last few years of Ault's life. Remove either of the factors and the paper would have been a flat failure, on the same principle as the "Tribune." Remove those two factors or either of them and I can get plenty of waste paper cheaper in Portland.
 The whole howl that has been started has been in order to change the management. "Ault has no head for that work," "Titus is too domineering," etc. Do you think I am asking to fall into a trap like that and ask the members in Oregon to support such a proposition as that? The howlers are nothing but a gang of petty-larceny-would-be-business-men who understand peddling shoe-strings and circulating capitalist petitions a damn site better than they do a proletarian philosophy.

In the next place, your proposition creates another sub-division of the party. It creates Oregon, Washington and Idaho a paper publishing sub-division, with a set of officers responsible to each state. The newspaper proposition in the S. L. P.—and this is nothing in the world but that identical proposition—has reduced that organization to a caricature of a party, a reflex of a newspaper. The ownership of anything but a pair of blankets by a proletarian is a sign of his decadence.
 I do not wish to throw cold water on your proposition, I simply am not interested in it. I can see no advantage to the party in the long run, or to the paper either, and it means simply the converting of a political institution into the stock-holding owners of a newspaper and another bone of contention for the puppy intellectuals who have a banking after greatness in the newspaper or Socialist world, who have not brains enough to put themselves there and who wish the party to furnish the funds for their aggrandizement and the capital for them to manage.
 The "Seattle Socialists" suits me now. When Titus and Ault step out so do I. When the Philosophy of the Ranch supplants the philosophy of the Proletariat I will be with the Proletariat.
 Yours for the Revolution,
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EXECUTIVE PARTISANSHIP

The present National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in the United States is a Minority Committee. Not one of them received a majority of the votes cast. This result was constitutional. We are not denying that. But the fact remains, our Executive is a Minority Executive.

But now this non-representative Executive Committee is going ahead with our greatest educational campaign on an Opportunistic basis, using their vast power to spread their own ideas instead of the Revolutionary Principles adopted by the Convention.

Does the Party want all its important statements of Principles and Policy which will be distributed by the millions in the presidential campaign, with their enormous educational value, to be prepared by Berger, whose Opportunistic principles and the clerical candidate for President representing those principles, were overwhelmingly rejected by the National Convention?

We don't believe it. We hope the National Committee will go on "meddling" till this Opportunist Executive learns to mind its own business by ceasing to be partisan and by making some pretense at least of representing the party at large.

For a long time we have known that Socialistically Milwaukee was Wisconsin. But that is Wisconsin's lookout. But we absolutely refuse to allow that Milwaukee is also the whole United States, Socialistically.

Verily, the Socialist Party needs a "Publicity Bureau", that all the members thereof may get wise to opportunist teachers.

IMPORTANT Yelm, Wash., July 22, 1908. Editor "The Socialist." Dear Comrade: I wish to call the attention of the comrades to Sec. 5, Article 4, of the amended National constitution upon which they are now voting and which reads: "No motion shall be submitted to a referendum of the National Committee by correspondence, unless supported within thirty days by not less than five members of the National Committee from three different states."

THE WOMAN

By Bessy Fiset

The Woman's Socialist Educational Club is going to move from its rooms in the Holyoke Block. The club has been very happy in its cosy rooms but, owing to the fact that Mrs. Hornbroke, in whose studio the club held forth, is leaving Seattle in August, we will move into the New Socialist Headquarters at First and Cherry Streets.

The Swedish Propaganda holds its meetings on Tuesday night so the Women will probably have to change their night of meeting. However, on the first night in the new quarters the club will entertain—informally—all comrades and friends—both men and women. We will announce the night next week.

The women of Local Seattle are planning a Socialist Woman's Suffrage demonstration to come off sometime during August. The matter was brought before the Executive Committee of Local Seattle, on Monday night and the members of that committee were very enthusiastic over it.

I want to urge all women in Seattle who can possibly afford it, to attend the series of Monday night lectures to be given by Dr. Titus. If you are a Socialist woman you need them in order that you may have a better understanding of the principles for which we stand.

Local Spokane is fortunate in having such a woman comrade as Mrs. Rose Moore. She is on the State Committee of Woman's work, and with her enthusiasm and earnestness should do splendid work.

WASHINGTON

The State Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., July 12, '08. Regular meeting called to order with John Downie in chair, and T. F. Burns and E. C. Johnson present. Emil Hendrikson member of State Committee, also present.

Minutes of previous meetings, regular as well as special meetings held in Convention hall in Seattle on July 3, at 9 a. m., approved as read. Application from Comrades E. E. Morton, Puyallup, and J. M. Toney, Alder, were favorably acted upon.

One of the smallest locals in the state in numbers is the largest in other respects. In Local Silverdale, after months of endurance against all opposition to secure a meeting place for the local, the comrades decided to have their own hall which is now very nearly an accomplished fact.

Secretary reported that the state convention had elected a committee to set the amount of mileage to be paid delegates attending the recently held convention and that the committee's report had been accepted and the amount of mileage thus set had been paid except a few minor claims, and that the amount of mileage due delegates amounted to a total of \$316.25 when only \$299.00 was available for the purpose.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Comrade Richardson of Spokane requesting him to prepare for publication a general statement for the guidance of all local organizations in the pending campaign.

The secretary was instructed to route speakers henceforth by simply notifying comrades in the respective towns of the coming of speaker on a certain day, and to send advertising matter in time so as to allow for proper arrangements being made.

NEWS NOTES. From State Headquarters, Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., July 23, 1908. Locals are again cautioned against "free lancing" and reminded that the S. P. is not a charitable institution to assist persons or even comrades to travel from one state into the other.

State Referendum "A" has been mailed to all local secretaries and M. A. L. on July 20th. Envelopes for return of Tally Sheets marked "Referendum" will be mailed to all local secretaries.

The fight for Free Speech that is being waged by our comrades at the present time and which seems to be fiercer than ever in some cities Russlanized by capitalism is especially fierce in Los Angeles, California, and the participants there on the one hand are the same who last fall assisted us in our fight for our constitutional rights and which has been won in the city of Seattle.

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The National Executive Committee has favorably considered the proposition to send a special train for the speaking campaign of the Party Committee to make a trans-continental tour covering the period from August 31st until Election Day.

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From Yelm a report reached the State office that John Hayes has quit the Party, because he says, he is going to let the damned proletarians run the Party. There is hope for Hayes yet, he at least recognizes a fact when confronted by one.

LOCAL SEATTLE

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Polish Propaganda Club meets the first Sunday afternoon in each month at Party Headquarters.

Letish Socialist Club meets the second Sunday afternoon of each month at Party Headquarters.

Young People's Socialist League meets every Sunday morning at Party Headquarters.

The opening of Marxian Hall was celebrated with a successful entertainment and social dance. The program was an excellent one and was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd.

Comrade Brown spoke last Sunday night to an interested audience on "The Powers of Government."

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On August 3rd Comrade Dr. Titus will enter on a course of eight lectures on Scientific Socialism.

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CONVENTION NOTES BY COONROD.

Editor's Note—Next week we expect to print the full minutes of the Idaho Convention. They arrived too late for this issue.

In our Secretary's Report we made the mistake of placing Comrade J. H. Coon, Sr., of Morton in Kootenai County list when it should have been in Bonner County list.

We made the acquaintance of many faces and associated them with their very familiar names at the convention and hope to meet them again at future councils for action.

Many of the Delegates elected from the Southern part of State wrote that scarcity of funds prevented them from attending the Convention.

Comrade R. B. Miller, of Kamiah, was a visitor at Convention and among other things came for the purpose of making arrangements for a speaker at their picnic on the 10th of July.

During the afternoon recess while awaiting reports of Committees G. W. Billet, of Summit, addressed the Delegates and must have entertained them very well, judging from the applause that reached our ears while we were doing committee duty.

Following is the tour of John G. Wanhope in Nez Perce county during July and first of August as arranged while at convention.

Nez Perce, July 17; Russell, July 18; Gilbert, July 19; Peck, July 20; Central Ridge, July 21; Volmer, July 22; Kippen, July 23; Chesley, July 24; Melrose, July 25; Morris School, July 26; George, July 27; Gifford, July 28; Lenore, July 29; Leeland, July 30; Southwick, July 31; Cavendish, August 1; Abaska, August 2; Greer, August 3; Fraser, August 4; Welpe, August 5; Pierce City, August 6 and 7.

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