

To Organize the Slaves of Capital to Vote their Own Emancipation

COMRADES:

We suggest that you read at least one socialist paper which publishes the work being accomplished by party organizers and agitators, and the results of party organization—local, state and national.—LEON GREENBAUM, National Secretary.

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Some of our comrades who have arrived by the Populist road have a notion that Socialism is an American product and was virtually embodied in the Omaha platform. Such need to read "The Communist Manifesto" by Marx and Engels, published in 1848. Price, 20 cents. Send to Standard Pub. Co., Terre Haute, Ind. This also was published in The Socialist in the beginning of 1901. Most of us are ignorant of economic history as babes. The International Socialist movement is triumphant just because founded on discovered facts and scientific deduction from those facts. To ignore those facts and laws is to drift instead of steering. Populism was a ship adrift and so went on the rocks. Socialism is a ship that sails with the pole star always in sight and with perfect charts. She will therefore arrive.

Some Socialists have only the most confused notion of what wages and the wage system mean. They talk, for example, as if the farmer was on wages. They use "wages" almost as if it meant income or any return for labor done. Wages is the price of laboring power. It is what the worker sells his capacity for in the modern competitive market. It cannot exist apart from capital, which has been created by means of wage payment. The basis of wages is injustice. Wages is robbery, in fact. It is by the purchase of labor power for a given time and a given sum, and then by the use of that power to produce more than he paid for it as wages, that capital secures all his gains. This is the very essence of wage, and the wage system. To abolish this injustice, to make such robbery wholly impossible is the mission of the working class. This is the primary lesson in the school of Socialism. If not then Karl Marx has lived in vain and there is no such thing as the scientific analysis of modern production.

The Seattle Union Record has some very sensible things to say about the divided condition of "organized labor." It speaks of the sympathetic strike as the nearest approach to united action, and admits "that unanimity of action among unionists is impossible" at present. Reason: The conflicting interests of the different trades.

The dream and goal of the workers, namely, that when one is hurt all shall protect him, that is complete solidarity of interest and action. But such is prevented by conflicting trade interests.

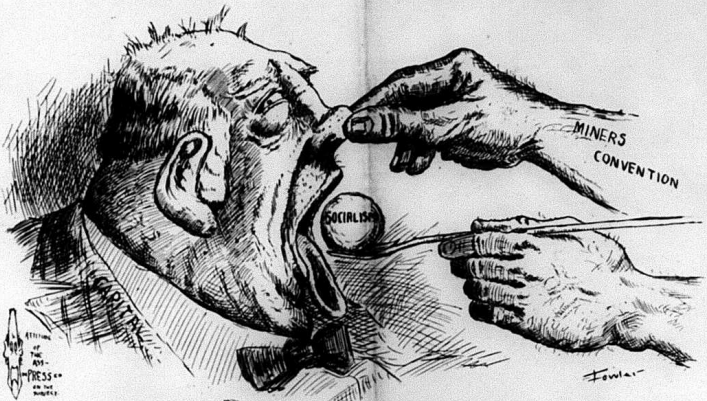
Now it should occur to a thinking mind that there is one place and only one place, where the interests of all workers are the same, namely, at the ballot box. All workers have a common interest in the abolition of the wage system, the Socialist program. There is no way to bring this about except by voting. Therefore, all workers will have to come to the Socialist position irrespective of unions or no unions. We have the platform on which every worker can stand, the only "organized labor" that can fully succeed, the true "sympathetic strike."

A correspondent thinks he sees a servile adherence to Marx among Socialists, a sort of fetish worship. It seems un-American to him. We can do our own thinking here in these United States.

Does he reason that way about Darwin? The facts which Darwin observed and recorded about pigeons or earth-worms, no one dreams of disputing. Just so, the facts which Marx discovered in modern production, the facts about men at work in producing things, the facts about wages and employers, cannot be questioned. The wage system was essentially the same in 1865 in England as in America in 1895. Marx published "Das Kapital" in 1867, the result of fifteen laborious years spent in London in the critical examination and analysis of that method of production which prevailed in the 19th century, and still prevails. To dispute his conclusions in these matters is very much like denying that the earth revolves around the sun.

It is all very well for Americans to be independent, but it is also well to remember that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Marx was one of

TAKE IT, DURN YER!



SPECIAL TO THE SOCIALIST, SEATTLE, WASH.

DENVER, COLO., JUNE 5, 1902.
"WHEREAS THE TIME HAS COME FOR UNDIVIDED INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS POLITICAL ACTION, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN LABOR UNION IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED DO HEREBY DECLARE IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM AND ADOPT THE PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA IN ITS ENTIRETY AS THE POLITICAL PLATFORM AND PROGRAMME OF SAID ORGANIZATION;
RESOLVED, THAT WE EARNESTLY APPEAL TO ALL MEN BOTH OF THE WESTERN UNION, AND TO THE WORKING CLASSES IN GENERAL, TO BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION."

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY OUR CONVENTION.
DAN McDONALD, PRESIDENT W. L. U.
THE ABOVE DISPATCH IS OF IMMENSE SIGNIFICANCE. IT CONTAINS THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF NEWS TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN AMERICA THAT HAS BEEN CHRONICLED YET FROM ORGANIZED LABOR. THE NAME OF THE WESTERN LABOR UNION WAS CHANGED YESTERDAY TO "AMERICAN LABOR UNION," AND AN ACTIVE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE HANNA GOMPERS CAPITALIST A. F. OF L. IN THE EAST, WILL BE BEGUN AT ONCE. MISSIONARIES CARRYING THE NEW DOCTRINE WILL AT ONCE BE SENT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

NO WONDER CAPITAL TWISTS HIS FACE AT THIS BITTER PILL, WHICH IS NOT SUGAR-COATED EITHER. THE "PHYSIC FEDERATION" WILL BE SICKER STILL.

DEBS AT DENVER, MAY 26.

"I am not a reformer. The term is subject to suspicion. It savors of dishonesty. I like the word revolution. It stirs the blood. The time has come for action. The conventions meeting here realize it and I believe they will adopt a policy which will inspire the labor world.

"Cut loose from the representatives of the capitalist class and when you have a grievance in the industrial field put 1,000,000 votes back of it in the political field. This Socialist movement is world-wide. Wherever the black flag of capitalistic exploitation flutters it is confronted by the blood red flag of Socialism. It is not the question of wages. I would not be satisfied with a wage if it were \$1,000 per day. You are entitled to be permitted to produce and no man should be permitted to deprive you of a part. You produce everything and have nothing. The capitalist exploiter produces nothing and has everything.

"In five years this movement will have become so strong that it will be difficult to find a man in Denver who will not insist that he was the original Socialist." However, only those who stand by the movement now, when it is not considered respectable, will then be honored.

McDONALD AT DENVER.

Daniel McDonald, president of the Western Labor Union—"The wage system must go. I am in favor of the convention declaring for independent political action. It is time for the workingmen to assist themselves. They hold in their hands the political power of this country. They must learn to use it. The convention should declare for Socialism.

BOYCE, TOO.

Edward Boyce, president Western Federation of Miners—Being an active

SIDE-LIGHTS AND REFLECTIONS.

The great word for Labor is Union. "Solid Labor" would be a far more potent power, politically, than the Solid South.

"We have three hundred religions," says Life, "but only one dollar." (Well one the side, I know some toilers that have not even ONE dollar—tho' they are fairly well supplied with religion.) The point, however, is this: Religions and races, nations and parties, are numerous, but there is only one capitalism—it is practically the same thing everywhere.

The number of immigrants entering, at Atlantic seaports, the United States for the month of May, 1902, amounts to 80,000. This breaks all records and means that a million emigrants from Europe and Asia are coming into this country this year (to say nothing of the tens of thousands of Japs and Chinese that are slipping in surreptitiously along the Pacific coast and the north-west Canadian border.) If any of you sons of toil should care to let go of your job (if you have one), now's the time to do it, for there's a million new workers looking around for loose jobs.

I wonder if that 80,000 consignment of laborers from Austro-Hungary, Italy, and Russia, for the month of May, together with the 80,000 or more that will arrive in June, has anything to do with the 150,000 plus just vacated by the striking anthracite miners of the East.

The mine owners are now putting in guards for their properties. When this matter has been fully attended to, and the companies have their Pinkerton hirelings and their merchandized deputy sheriffs thoroughly drilled, the business of running the mines with non-union men will merrily begin and then probably the workers will have some new things to remember besides Homestead, and the Coeur d'Alenes, and the innumerable other battles that Labor, with plenty of trades union and no political union, somehow failed to win.

"Patriotism" is one of those current words that need to be thoroughly deodorized before they can be used safely. Old Dr. Sam Johnson said that patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel. This is no longer true—we have advanced beyond it; now patriotism is the first refuge of the scoundrel.

The capitalist press asserts that "a sympathetic strike is the most inexcusable assault upon the public welfare." I wonder why. Perhaps the real reason why the hirelings of capital so bitterly denounce all sympathetic strikes, is that such strikes manifest the coming solidarity of the working class. The great spectre that threatens capitalism is—"Workingmen of all countries, unite!"

FORWARD MARCH.

HOW THE DAILIES SIZE UP LABOR NEWS

See similar from the Seattle "P." in TH

TELLS OF SCANDAL

Big Sensation Sprung in a Michigan Court

FRAUD CASE IS REVIVED

Unexpected Developments in the Disbarment Proceedings Against Attorney Ross

LANSING, Mich., June 3.—William White, ex-quartermaster general of the Michigan National Guard, today, in his testimony before the supreme court in the disbarment proceedings against Attorney Ross, of Kalamazoo, told for the first time the full story of the state mill-... and declared that Detroit, who was... by a jury.

Informed Socialist Platform

DENVER, June 3.—The morning session of the Western Federation of Miners convention was devoted to consideration of the report of the committee on president's address. The convention this afternoon unequivocally endorsed the platform of the socialist party, declaring for its support by the laboring classes.

SOCIALIST MARTYRS

Every great cause has its martyrs. The men who make the first stand for progress, whose mission is to usher in the new order, are usually sacrificed. Half a century ago Garrison was mobbed in the streets of Boston for publishing "The Liberator" and advocating the abolition of chattel slavery. Now his statue adorns proud Commonwealth avenue, and the present generation proclaims him a hero, a martyr, to the cause of human liberty.

"Truth forever on the scaffold
Wrong forever on the throne;
But that scaffold sways the future
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own."

Socialism, too, has its martyrs. In Germany, Liebknecht and Bebel spent years in prison and Marx was exiled most of his life. Thousands of workers in every civilized land have lost their positions and income for daring to be free to think and vote. In the United States, "Sweet Land of Liberty," the number who suffer for the cause of the oppressed is increasing every day. From all parts of this state we hear of new cases. Last week we gave the details of the dismissal of Harry Kilduff by the Seattle Electric Co., for being "a dangerous man," as President Furth told him. Kilduff is a Socialist and does not believe the interests of capital and labor are identical.

The artist who does most of the cartoon work on The Socialist lost his place a few weeks ago as cook in a lumber camp because he made Socialist pictures.

In Fairhaven last year a number of Socialists, including Comrades Cloak and Wallace, in the employ of the Salmon Canning Company, were made to walk the plank and no concealment was attempted of the fact that they were dismissed for being active Socialists.

But the most conspicuous and flagrant instance that has come to our notice in this state of Washington is the dismissal of Prof. Curtis from the Seattle high school. He has been an active Socialist for years. He is at present chairman of the state committee of the Socialist party of this state, and was secretary of the same during the year 1900-1901. He was also the candidate of our party for county superintendent of schools in the last election.

But Prof. Curtis has never allowed his political views to interfere with his duties as teacher of mathematics. No one has ever charged him with introducing Socialism into the class room. Indeed, most of his pupils were ignorant of his Socialist connections. He is a quiet man who minds his own business strictly. Prof. Curtis has been teaching in Seattle schools for seven years. His ability is unquestioned. He graduated from the state normal school at Winona, Minn., in 1890 with the highest honors, and holds the best recommendations from distinguished educators, such as Prof. Irwin Shepard, secretary of the National Education Association, who have witnessed his work. His graduates have had no trouble in passing examinations for advanced work. Hundreds of his students will testify to the thoroughness of his scholarship and the excellence of class room training. No man could hold such a prominent place in the high school for so many years and not be doing good work. Four years ago he incurred the hostility of the superintendent of schools by testifying boldly in a public trial that the superintendent collected money from him and other teachers for use in carrying the school election for the superintendent's candidates. Notwithstanding this fact, his record as a teacher was so excellent that the superintendent did not venture to recommend his dismissal. As a brave, conscientious, competent teacher, the record of Prof. Curtis was of the highest character.

It was therefore a matter of greatest surprise when, in the annual election of teachers for the year 1901-02, the name of Prof. Curtis was dropped. A new board of school trustees had been elected, known as the Northern Pacific

board, and a majority of its members were N. P. employes, Smith, purchasing agent, Hughes, local attorney and Dr. Coe, local physician.

No reason was assigned by Dr. Coe, the chairman on teachers, for not re-electing Prof. Curtis. No incompetency was alleged; no unfitness of any kind. After seven years of faithful service, he was simply sent adrift without a word of warning or explanation. Dr. Coe said he did not know a thing against Prof. Curtis, had never been in his school room, could not and would not name any specific cause whatever for his discharge. But no arguments availed to secure his reinstatement. It was argued by Prof. Curtis friends that he should at least be given a chance to resign, and not sent out with an implied stigma on his worth as a teacher. The rank injustice of such treatment was urged in vain.

Other members of the board were equally reticent. He was dismissed, that was all there was to it and it would do no good to work for his reinstatement. Other teachers who had been dropped at the same time were reinstated, notably Prof. McCarthy, whose Catholic friends "registered a kick" that the board did not dare to disregard. But no kicking or pressure would do any good in Curtis' case.

But the professor, though a quiet man, is a pretty good fighter too. So he followed up the members of the board one by one, and had many personal conversations with them. They all liked him personally, admitted his excellence as a teacher, could give no reason for his dismissal, but they couldn't do anything for him.

At last, one fine day, one member of the board, in a particularly frank humor or in an unguarded moment or moved by a sense of justice, let out the secret. Prof. Curtis was objectionable because he was a Socialist. The school board could not afford to keep in the high school a man who held such sentiments. No amount of shuffling and denials by the chairman of the teachers' committee can disprove this explicit admission by an honest member of the board. No other reason has been assigned. This reason explains fully all the circumstances. This man dares to advocate the mission of the working class to emancipate itself from wage-slavery. He, too, is "a dangerous man" and must be suppressed.

But remember, you capitalist hangers-on, you eaters of pie from the N. P. table, that old, old adage, as true to-day as when it was written centuries ago, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

We are slaves indeed. You can make us go without our daily bread. You can drive our wives and children into paupers' quarters. You can kick your master's boots and apply the lash to us who will not bend the knee. But the Power Behind Evolution is with us and against you, and we hold the keys of the future.

Evolution is with us and against you, and we hold the keys of the future. In our poverty and toil
Looking out upon the world,
We can see the gathering armies of the Cause;

And we feel ourselves a part
Of the new resistless power,
That shall sweep away oppression and its laws.

In the shops and in the slums,
Working, suffering day by day,
We are making wealth for millionaires to hold;

But with joy we pledge our faith
To the cause of all who toil,
Till the better social order shall unfold.

In the days that are to be
When the cause we love is won,
We shall labor for ourselves and for our own;
Each for all and all for each,
And through many joyful years
We shall pluck the fruit that comrades
brave have sown.

Chorus
Trump, tramp, tramp, you hear us marching,
Millions now are on the way
And our army never shall pause
Till the right to life is ours,
And the sun has risen on a fairer day.
—Kerr.

NATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Adopted at Indianapolis, July 31, 1901.

The Socialist party, in National convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncertainty of livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society in two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulp and schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois Public Ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition of Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to public offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of the end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts, and combines. No part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the reduction of taxes on property of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, to the improvement of the service and diminishing of the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be furnished by the government and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of eighteen years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.

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proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in advocating these measures as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movement as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

Systematic suppression of strike news and distortion of what is published, is the new cue of the capitalist dailies. The Chicago street car men won easily this last week but you did not see much about it in the dailies, did you? And all the sympathizers with the striking teamsters in Chicago who make up the street crowds are "mobs," nothing but "mobs" in the Ass. Press dispatches.

As the labor movement grows formidable, capitalists will try to make it look little.

The public schools are a fair sample of public ownership by the capitalist class. Are not the teachers slaves? Read the account in another column of the arbitrary denial to Prof. Curtis of his means of livelihood. The old chattel slave system obliged the master to furnish food for his slaves. But wage slavery is more economical and less human. When a wage slave does not agree with his capitalist master, "fire" him, let him go hungry, blacklist him too, let him starve, teach him his place as a slave. The public school teachers have no freedom. They are afraid of their lives. Both freedom of thought and freedom of teaching are ruthlessly suppressed to a dead level of capitalist conformity.

Talk of Socialism repressing individuality. What is this horrid uniformity of capitalism?

It is said Turkey can never be free because all her mothers are slaves. What can you expect of America, so long as her teachers are slaves?

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Infanticide at Ballard

Young Parents Dispose of Their Own Baby. Most Unnatural Deed. They Loved It, But Still They Killed It. Why They Did It. Disclosure of the True Reasons. What No Other Paper Dares to Print. Thousands of Such Cases in Seattle, But Kept From the Light of Day. Another Window Into Hell.

Western Washington is astounded by what appears to be a crime against nature on the part of two young people living at Ballard, but recently from Aberdeen.

Here is the story: A single mill worker, 24 years of age, met and loved a young girl of 16. He wanted to marry her, but her parents objected. He was not a good enough match for their daughter. They wanted a man of better standing, that is, with more property.

There followed the natural sequel. The young lovers married themselves without any ceremony. Three months afterwards the parents consented to a public wedding to cover the "shame." The young couple moved to Ballard, a single town adjoining Seattle, where in course of time the baby was born.

The girl-wife loved her baby and the father. Here were all the elements of happiness, love and home, husband and child. But this poor girl was in torment for fear her old friends should learn of her "shame," a baby born too soon. She shunned company. She dreaded to see "callers." She went out when she heard any one was coming to see her.

And so all the evidence goes to show that this loving couple, loving their baby, too, yet wrought themselves into such a pitch of dread that they announced they were going back home, sold their furniture, said their good byes, went out on the trestle in the night, put their darling little one into a sack with a stone and threw it beneath the flowing tide.

The community is horrified and the parents are arrested on a charge of murder in the first degree. They will no doubt be punished according to law. The officers have already apprehended the wife, who can scarcely control her hysterics long enough to moan for her husband and her baby. He disappeared after he heard the baby's body had been found, but will soon be caught, if he does not kill himself—the most fitting denouement.

Now what does it all mean? Is this case so exceptional? On the contrary, hundreds of such unnatural murders are occurring every month all over the land. If this innocent pair, when they discovered their predicament, had called upon a doctor who would not scruple to assist them, the "shame" would have been effectually hidden. They waited six months too long. Premature infanticide is so common as to occasion almost no comment. Women, both married and unmarried, resort to it as a necessity of existence.

Again we ask, why? The Socialist goes back to causes, and dares to



speak the truth. The law punishes the woman who is discovered in her crime. That is all that capitalist society can offer as a remedy, punish the offender.

But socialism says, remove the cause of the offense. What is the cause of this offense? Why do young people refuse to have children? Why this awful prevalence of a crime almost unknown to our forefathers, which many regard as a symptom of race decadence?

Why were this woman's parents averse to her marriage to this young workman?

One reason, only one reason—his poverty, his inability to provide a well-furnished house, to buy rich dresses and set a good table and bring up their children in proper style. In one word, men and women do not establish homes and rear families, because they cannot afford to do so. Therefore you have bachelors and spinsters. Therefore you have girls pregnant who dare not become mothers. Therefore you have lovers who commit murder rather than face their "shame." Therefore you have married couples without children and the rich abortion Doctor. Therefore, your harvest of infanticides and your degenerate race.

How will Socialism solve this problem and bring back virgin life and happy homes into the world? By giving to all abundance of the good things of life. By putting everybody above want, with land and house and furniture and clothing and food and recreation.

Is this possible, you say? Fully possible, immediately. If workmen will only vote to take possession of the land, mines, factories, railroads and other means of producing wealth, the thing is done. Wealth, indeed is created for all. Only those who create it don't get it. Let them take it for themselves, says the Socialist, and so let us have happy homes, full of happy children in place of hovels where children are unwelcome and all the healthiest human instincts are crushed out.

Poverty is the cause of crime, not crime the cause of poverty. Remove the cause and you remove the crime. Socialism is the science of wealth and happiness for all.

These poor criminal children, who killed their own love, are victims of that criminal system of capitalism which no one but the Socialist is fighting. Republicans and Democrats alike vote to perpetuate this Hell in which we live.

WITHOUT THE PALE.

The Socialist movement should indeed feel proud of Comrade Wayland's last issue of the Appeal to Reason, wherein he advises his readers to work and vote for the candidates of the old parties which can be forced to put in their platform demands for Direct Legislation.

The value of this issue to the Public Ownership and Allied Third parties is in an argument to show their practical step at a time Socialism, at once becomes apparent

when we recite the fact that those parties in St. Louis are distributing thousands of copies among the working class of this city.

The editor of the Appeal is a member of the Socialist party, organized as a working-class party distinct from and opposed to all parties of capitalism. Yet by direct voice he is aiding and abetting the enemy in his appeal to his readers to work and vote for the candidates of capitalist parties. If Local Girard, Ken, is truly a revolutionary body it is certainly their duty to take action. "Missouri Socialist."

THE CHILD WORKER.

Professor Mills' address in the Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, May 18th, was on the subject of "The Child Worker Driven From the Playground and the Schoolhouse. Forced Into the Factory and Denied the Ballot Box." The great audience followed with rapt attention the impassioned words of the speaker as he denounced a system that is today denying the privileges of an education to eleven millions of children in this country. "Why is it that we are able to sell cotton goods in the markets of the world in competition with the half-starved coolies of India? It is because we have robbed the cradles of our land to weave the lives of our babies into cloth that is sold where bloodstains are not reckoned as a detriment. Under the systems of industry, cloth woven in the home, by the responsible slave-drivers, utter strangers, who if they dare to show pity to their underlings, are themselves discharged.

"Nor is the gloomy factory where children weep at their tasks and rattling machinery the only place that is twisting the minds and distorting the bodies of the coming generation. The only reason that the great bonanza farm has not been a more universal success is that the capitalist has found it more profitable to rent the land to a tenant who sells his own life in accord with the iron law of wages—and gives the labor of his wife and babies free.

Every fourth child in America today is denied the privilege of an education that its young life may be used to coin an unholy profit for an idle capitalist. The position of breadwinners for the family is passing from the father to his children; and the wages that their tender fingers earn are so small as to be a pitiful mockery of the high protectionist's stock argument for the 'American standard of wages.' The full dinner-pail and the empty schoolhouse have come together, and must remain while capitalist reigns. The children can only be freed and given an opportunity to develop into complete men and women when the yoke of the wage-system is removed from the nation. That task is the mission of the present generation, for if we shirk our duty our children will lack the intelligence, the moral fibre and the ballot to achieve their independence."

LETTER TO TRADE UNIONS.

Dear Sir and brother:—May 24, 1902.

It is my opportunity to inform your organization that since the outbreak of the present trouble, the daily newspapers of the entire country, with few exceptions, are publishing the most meagre accounts of the strike. The largest dailies in St. Louis have published practically no news whatever of the strike in order to keep the workers of this city in the dark. The capitalists are conscious of the fact that the wide publication of such a great strike creates enthusiasm and confidence in the working class and corresponding depression among the capitalists. They fear on the one hand that the organized workers all over the country will render aid to the miners, and on the other hand investors will get frightened and withdraw their capital from the stock market. The same class of capitalists who own the mines own the newspapers and associated press agencies, and thus the suppression of news is easily accounted for. Our party has one hundred papers in the United States and Canada who are anxious to obtain news of the strike. We cannot obtain it from the usual sources and we therefore write to suggest that your union appoint a press committee to keep us posted regularly. We propose to issue a daily press bulletin containing all the news of the strike. We will send a copy of this daily bulletin to all copies of the Socialist papers in the country and thus break up the "conspiracy of silence." The facts which the working class generally will be interested in and which we desire to furnish daily are as follows:

1. Is the strike orderly, being generally obeyed and is the tip of the mines completely in your vicinity?
2. Are the men standing firm?
3. Has the company given notice of any kind to the men? Any efforts to start up with non-union men?
4. Has there been trouble of any kind?
5. Are men of affiliated crafts being laid off?
6. What is the attitude of the community towards the strikes? Has credit been stopped by merchants?
7. Do the public authorities (police, sheriff, etc.) back up the demands of the strikers, or are they the tools of the mine operators?
8. New developments and any other news of the strike.

We take this occasion to impress upon your organization the importance of encouraging and supporting the labor and Socialist press and the necessity for establishing daily labor papers, owned by the working class and operated in its interest.

In conclusion if any request is made by the National Officers of the United Mine Workers of America for financial aid, the Socialist party stands ready to issue a special appeal to its members. Trusting that your organization will give this matter serious consideration and that we will hear from your press committee, I remain

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