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NO. 247—FIFTH YEAR. SOCIALIST PROGRAM

Eugene V. Debs Outlines Principles and Purposes of Socialist Party—Dissects Municipal Ownership—Abolish Capitalism Real Problem.

Eugene V. Debs, twice the Socialist candidate for President of the United States, gave out the following statement on Socialism and the Socialist position on municipal ownership and the Russo-Japanese war in the "Daily News" while he was filling a lecture engagement at Salem, Ohio, on June 7.

"Since the national election last fall there has been not a decided increase in Socialistic sentiment, but a remarkable change in the general interest upon the subject. The great newspapers, magazines and other publications are now devoting considerable space to the discussion of social questions, and as a result of the wide discussion the people are becoming more misapprehension in regard to Socialism and therefore much of the prejudice that has prevailed against it is disappearing.

"All these questions are now up for consideration, and while there is wide difference among the people there is not the slightest doubt but that they will all be settled in good time in the interest of welfare and a higher social order.

"Capitalism Running Its Course. The working class is being rapidly converted to Socialism. They have everything to gain and nothing to lose by it. On the other hand the capitalists are at war among themselves, the larger driving the smaller from the field, the trusts and syndicates eliminating competition and displacing the smaller competitors, all of which simply means that the capitalist system is running its historic course, and when its development is completed degradation will set in, and in due time it will follow feudalism, from which it springs to the cemetery of the past, to make room for another social adjustment more compatible with the present and future needs of the race.

"The sooner the trusts have exploited the nation and dispossessed the people, the sooner will the people dispossess the trusts and come to their own. It is a matter of industrial and social justice, and we believe can be intelligently guided and to some extent accelerated, primarily in the interest of the working classes.

"Municipal ownership may have the positive effect. In the prevailing capitalist system every experiment at municipal ownership and operation in hostile environment is apt, if not fail, to at least prove disappointing those expecting great benefit from and to this extent may be used an argument of convincing effect upon the unthinking against the practicability of the socialist program.

"Not only this, but municipal ownership of public utilities means little or nothing to the people so long as the central government is in the control of the corporations and trusts, controlling of the larger capitalists who in the national resources and the means of production, and are therefore a position to dominate all the powers of government and virtually control the destiny of the people.

"A concrete illustration may be in order. Suppose a city buys a street railway, paying half a million for the franchise, issuing its bonds for the amount. The city comes into possession of the street railway and the various owners come into possession of the city's bonds. The capitalists now are the losers by the change, for they now draw interest on the bonds of dividends on stocks, and the real benefits that accrue to the people are in most cases very inconsiderable.

"Socialist Municipal Ownership Means. As a matter of course we Socialists favor municipal ownership, but only as part of the general program of social ownership, municipal, state and national, of all public utilities. There is in the socialist program every means of increasing the power of the public ownership of the circle of public utility.

THE CAPITALIST TREADMILL LABOR'S BLOOD SHED



—Courtesy Acme School of Drawing, Kalamazoo, Mich.

WHY DOESN'T LABOR USE THE KEY? THIS MEANS BUSINESS A SCHOOL BOY'S ESSAY

and ultimately in the interest of all humanity. Asked for his opinion on the present war between Russia and Japan, Comrade Debs said: "The Russo-Japanese war is purely a war of exploitation—a war of conquest, the immediate consideration being territory and material spoils, the ultimate object being the control of the rapidly developing markets of the Orient. If Japan conquers, as now seems probable, the United States may have less cause for rejoicing than we appear to show. The triumph of the Japanese suddenly reveal designs upon the Philippines, the United States government would promptly come to a realization sense that the Japanese are also a world-power.

This illustration is reproduced from a card issued by the National Association of Photo Engravers. It is prophetic of greater conflicts for the future.

THE OPEN SHOP CONVENTION June 19, 20, 21. BUFFALO

The Socialist party local of Portland, Me., recently offered a cash prize for the best essay on Socialism, open to the members of the high schools of Portland and vicinity. Opposition to the writing of these essays came from the teachers, but in spite of the opposition three competitors sent essays. The winner was Albert E. Libby, class 1906, Portland high school. Rowland B. Hunt and Lena Irish were second and third.

The essays were read and prizes awarded at a public meeting at Socialist Hall, which was crowded to overflowing. The following is an abstract from the prize winning essay: "The chief cause for the rise of Socialism is the fact that the capitalist system, to put an end to capitalism and build up in its place the Co-operative Commonwealth. You will see that the purpose of Socialism is to do what we could combine with you, any more than with any other party, the Citizens' Union in the municipal election in behalf of non-partisan, non-political good government."

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Photo Engravers' Union, which is now having a severe struggle for existence in Detroit. The national convention of the employing photo engravers occurs at Buffalo, June 19-20-21. At that convention a campaign for the "open shop" will be inaugurated. Preparation has been going on for some time. For the past two months every employing photo engraver has been receiving a card every morning reminding him of the convention and urging him to be present.

These cards are all mailed from a different city each day—one day New York, the next Minneapolis, the next St. Louis and so on. No employer is permitted to forget that convention nor its object, and every one will be represented.

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CLIFFORD FOR MAYOR

CLEVELAND SOCIALISTS NAME COUNTY AND CITY TICKETS

The county and city convention of the Socialist party in Cuyahoga county was held at the Trades Council hall, 426 Superior street, Sunday afternoon, Organizer, D. H. Jenkins called the meeting to order, whereupon Robert Bandman was elected chairman and Marie H. Geiger secretary. Comrades Geo. F. Lee, Julius Bode, M. A. Haycke, J. G. Willert and Oak Mandelbrot were elected committee on resolutions and platform.

This means ORGANIZATION. It means business for the capitalists and trouble for the union men. And what are the union men doing for themselves? Ask President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor who is best fighting Socialists and dining with August Belmont and other Civic Federation leaders that he hasn't got time to bother with the real problems of organized labor.

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In Aggravate Strike by Capitalist Assassin—Street Car Men Fight for Better Conditions Against Powers That Be.

Special correspondence of The Socialist. Saginaw, Mich., June 13.—A repetition of what is already an old story has occurred here during the past week. The blood of the working class has again been shed by the armed assassins hired by the capitalist class ostensibly to protect property but actually to intimidate and coerce labor in its struggle to better its condition.

And it is in all former struggles the people elected by the working class have shown their true colors as representatives of the capitalist class which controls the powers of government in the United States.

The employees of the Saginaw Valley Traction Company went on strike on Sunday, June 4. The main point at issue is the question of hours and rates of pay. The men objected to the plan in operation of "giving time" by which many men are obliged to get out at four o'clock in the morning and stay up till midnight in order to get taken on. They worked double and triple shifts, working 17 and 18 hours on some runs in order to get in ten hours for a day's work. They made their demands a year ago last March and were told to be patient. Their strikes would be greater if they were patient, perhaps too much so, for the company has probably been preparing while the workers were "patient."

An increase in wages from 19% to 20 cents an hour, a half cent increase, is also demanded. The cities of Saginaw, Bay City and the connecting interurban lines are "infected."

Since the strike began the people have refused to ride the cars, although experienced strike breakers have been brought in through the Thiel detective agency of Chicago, to search for offices throughout the country. This is the same sort of capitalist organization as Farley's. It may be a part of Farley's machine. At any rate the men brought in seem to be trained for the purpose and in appearance bear out the general characteristics of the class. The companies are reported to pay the strike breakers \$5 a day and \$3 of this goes to the scab and \$2 to the scab promoter.

Strike Breaker Murders Boy. On Wednesday the first tragedy of the strike occurred. Henry Wick

Sheriff Acts With Cooperation. Sheriff Burgess is emulating the example set him by Sheriff Whitcomb, of Cook County, in the present Chicago strike. Burgess has appointed the best black-shirts of the county deputy sheriffs although the law requires that deputy sheriffs be residents of the city for at least three months. There is a report that Burgess signed the blank sheets of authorization and turned them over to the manager of the street railway company to be filled in with the names as he saw fit. Petitions are now being circulated for the removal of the sheriff.

When the killing occurred on Wednesday the city was thrown into a state of great excitement. This was enhanced by the issuance by the mayor of a wholly senseless and unaccountable proclamation forbidding the assembling of troops in arms and prohibiting the selling of liquor on Sunday, this being fully covered by the city ordinance. The only persons bearing arms were the strike leaders, the county deputy sheriffs. There was no occasion for the mayor's act. It was only in line with the attempt on the part of the county and municipal authorities to intimidate the people and smother their protest against the deliberate shedding of blood.

The "eastern directors" are said to be directing the strike. The state board of arbitration and a citizens' committee were told by company officials that the "eastern directors" did not wish to arbitrate.

The Class Struggle. The Saginaw Valley Consolidated Gas, Electric and Traction Company is striving for dividends. The Association of Street Railway Employees is striving for better conditions for its members. The class struggle is laid bare. The "eastern directors" command all the forces of government is able to use these forces to thwart the efforts of the workers, who are helpless in the face of such odds.

A boy is murdered. Only a boy, with a widowed mother. But suppose it had been your boy? Workmen are you not to blame for that murder and every murder growing out of every strike for better conditions, so long as you persist in voting the power to oppress you into the hands of the capitalists whom you strike against?

It is time you answered that question emphatically and decisively at the ballot box.

JOHN KORTAN.





Speeches by Willshire, Debs, Hanford, ...

FOREIGN

A meeting of great international importance recently between the representatives of the Austrian and Italian Socialist Parties...

The Socialist Party of Holland has 6,000 members in 137 sections.

SOME THINGS WORTH QUOTING.

Some of the local plutocratic bosses have had considerable to say about the "right to work"...

Mayor Dunne announces that he will segregate the ten thousand "fallen" women in food districts...

The Gretna head-hunting resolutions have been endorsed since last report by Local Executive...

A war, which is a sympathetic strike in favor of some capitalist strike is called glorious...

The labor lobbyists met with complete defeat in the recent session of the New York legislature...

A comrade who has seen the Perpetual Campaign Coupons suggests that they may possibly be made a "legislative" under the cooperative commonwealth...

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By Ryan Walker.



Said the Ogre: "Our Slave has been busy making so many guns and swords, such quantities of ammunition; all useless waste of his time, useless labor."

"Then," said the Son, "if it is useless labor, why do you let him make all these swords and guns and all this ammunition?"

"Because," answered the Ogre, "I must have these weapons to shoot the Giant with when he gets too insistent in his demands."

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SOME SOCIALIST HUMOR.

Socialists are often accused of "taking themselves too seriously" and of "lacking a sense of humor." To those who look upon the slavery and misery of the working class as a serious thing, the task of helping to liberate the world from the chains of a serious task...

It is therefore cheering to note that Socialist journalism, even in these strenuous days, is not without its touch of humor, or wit, or fun, whatever one might choose to call it. In fleeting moments during the past three months the Socialist staff has regaled themselves with the choice morsels of humor...

Mingled among its references, direct and indirect, to "The Socialist," its editor, manager, and associate, the "Social Democratic Herald" exudes the following:

"Yellow sheet," "yellow journalism," "intrigants," "crafty politicians," "would-be leaders," "private spies," "Judas," "hair splitter," "meddler," "traitor," "heresy hunters," "head hunters," "idiotic," etc. "Howling derisive" is the latest from that really very funny man, Comrade Ladoff...

Such is Socialist humor, per its leading exponents. But the thing that causes most mirth to us is this fact: The "Social Democratic Herald" is edited by Frederic Heath and Victor L. Berger, chief apostles and such as are known as "broad" and "liberal" tacticians. American methods and "tolerance toward Comrades." "The Crisis" is edited by W. S. Dalton, a highly developed apostle of impossibility, and recently become also an ardent advocate of "tolerance," etc. Hardly a week passes that Heath and Berger do not scold Dalton, and vice versa. Thus do extremes meet and these types of program find a common level in their attitude toward "The Socialist" and its staff...

WHO ARE PROSPEROUS?

London, June 10.—Former Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck of New York said today that the increased prosperity of American people was responsible for the increased crowd abroad.

"I have noticed that many more Americans are over here now than at this time last year. It is the natural outcome of the financial and industrial situation in our country. Travel is a luxury, and people are bound to indulge in it when money is coming in. Americans over here are spending more money than ever and the number who go in for automobiles is increasing in a way that it almost starting."

PARTY NEWS.

Continued from Page Three. 610 E. street, Business meetings are held every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Local San Francisco will conduct a series of street meetings on Grand avenue and the water front and the vigorous city campaign is promised.

Local Oakland held a very successful picnic Sunday, June 11th, at Schmitzville park.

IDAHO.

The State Secretary has issued ballots for the referendum to elect a national committee to fill the unexpired term of Comrade Geo. E. Carter, who was deposed by the State Executive Committee...

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Akron, Ohio, June 8.—Mrs. Maggie Reisinger held her babe of a few months in her arms in court yesterday while her attorney pleaded extreme destitution as a defense against the charge of stealing food and clothing. The court, however, found the plea not sufficient, and sentenced the woman to the penitentiary. She will be allowed to take her baby with her. Co-defendants with the woman and sentenced with her were Myrtle and Minnie Johnson, who also, the attorney claimed, were starving and little attention, we sold 36 copies of "Wage-Labor & Capital," and 34 copies of "Socialists in French Municipalities." Next week we begin the sale of 300 per week of the "Worker." The Socialist and "The Socialist Voice" at our street meetings, which means busy times for Portland. THOMAS BURNS, City Organizer.

A general referendum and the state committee had no jurisdiction under local circumstances. State Secretary Coonrod's financial report for May as follows: Receipts, \$35.00; supplies \$100; balance from June \$5.79; total \$44.69. Expended, postage, 10c; supplies \$13.50; E. L. Ring, on account, \$45; balance on hand, \$7.83.

State Organizer Miller reports a trip through the state with a good time, and some fine fair attendance but small collections.

OREGON.

Local Portland. The Portland election has just closed, and the Socialist vote shows the necessity for organization and propaganda. The candidates for organization and propaganda varies from 2,215 for Thos. H. Madden for City Attorney down to 451 for J. W. Schrafer for Mayor. Not only Portland, but the entire State of Oregon is being organized, and it is with a view to remedy this that Comrade Arthur Morrow Lewis of San Francisco has been engaged to work here this summer. Mrs. Morrow will be here and will spend some time in this State, entering at the Southern end about the beginning of July, when she closes engagements in Northern California. When these two Comrades have gone to Oregon some of the 1,000 work they have been doing in California, the party will be stronger and our vote greater and more regular.

As many Comrades visiting Portland have complained that it was only by accident they found the headquarters, and as socialists are visiting the fair from all parts of the country, we call attention to the following: Portland Headquarters open from 9 o'clock A. M. to 10 P. M., 3009 Davis street, 6 short blocks from the depot, between Fifth and Sixth streets. At this hall, every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Arthur Morrow Lewis will lecture. Comrade Lewis will speak every fine Sunday afternoon at the Salmon street end of the Plaza, and every fine evening on the corner of Fourth and Washington streets. Visitors to the Fair will be welcomed at any of these meetings. The day after the election we had by far the largest Socialist street meeting ever held in Portland, and while literature sales received but little attention, we sold 36 copies of "Wage-Labor & Capital," and 34 copies of "Socialists in French Municipalities." Next week we begin the sale of 300 per week of the "Worker." The Socialist and "The Socialist Voice" at our street meetings, which means busy times for Portland. THOMAS BURNS, City Organizer.

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