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THE LESSON OF THE FRENCH GAINS. The earlier reports to the effect that Millerand, the French Social Democrat, had been defeated for the Chamber of Deputies on the second ballot, appears to have been incorrect.

Word comes to us that the elements that are so anxious to build up a new S. L. P. out of our movement and who have their knives out for state autonomy, have been sending unsigned printed attacks on the former editor of this paper to comrades in Massachusetts.

What is the demand of the working class at this stage of the world's civilization? A "living" wage. What is the demand of the middle class? Four per cent.—more if it can be gotten. What is the demand of the capitalist class? The right to get in the trough with all four feet.

NOTES BY THE WAY. He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.—Confucius. "Socialism is not the system of any reformer whatever; it is of the character of an historical discovery."

1. To make clear the coalition of the social forces in modern Russia. 2. To help to bring about the unification of all revolutionary forces, making clear the practical aims on which the Social Democrats and all revolutionary organizations in general can agree.

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

The question before the American people is not imperialism, money, nor anything else except the question of bread and butter, and this one will have to be solved before long.—Ex.

What are the people anyway! Make your own answer. President Loubet of France visits the Czar and the people of both France and Russia cheer and hug each other.

A clothing manufacturing firm in Peoria, Ill., charges each of its hundreds of employees 5 cents per day to pay for the power used in the factory.

Do you think Socialism is the same thing as Anarchy? Wrong; they are exactly opposed. (Look in your dictionary.) A scheme to destroy wealth? Wrong again; it means great increase to all.

Do you think it is impracticable? Wrong again; the system, or machine, that works most smoothly is the most practical; one that smashes things up, and is full of sticks and hitches, is called impracticable.

Do you think it is impracticable? Wrong again; it is simply Jesus' own teachings applied to every-day affairs.—of yourself, your neighbor, and his neighbor—that is, THE NATION. It is nothing else.

Every Socialist ought to be familiar with his policies as a Socialist. You can get the facts in the Red Book. It is 15 cents.

CROOKING HIS KNEE TO ROYALTY.

The cable dispatches publish a cablegram from William of Germany to Theodore of the United States, announcing that he proposes to present a heroic statue of Frederick the Great to this government, to commemorate the visit of his brother Henry to this country.

PLATFORM.

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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. The establishment of a national currency and government banking system; all fire and life insurance to be also operated by the government in the interests of the whole people.

4. Abolition of the Senate, establishment of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

5. Abolition of financial and property qualifications for candidate and electors at provincial and municipal elections.

6. Scientific and practical management of fisheries, forests and waterways in best interest of the producers.

Wage Slavery.

Wage-slavery! What is it? To the aristocrat it is the unquestioned relation of the inferior to the superior, as natural that water flows down hill.

Platforms of International Socialism. V.

Statement of principles adopted at Vancouver, October 3, 1901. The Socialist party of British Columbia in 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.

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 capitalist and wage workers.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to its overthrow, 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.

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THE HERALD FORUM.

Is not Heretical. Editor Herald: Some time ago you commented on certain statements of the "Seattle Socialist". I send you a complete platform as adopted by referendum vote and would like your opinion as to whether we have abandoned essential Socialist principles.

A Lame Argument Answered.

To Whom It May Concern: Mr. J. of Manitowish sent the editor a postal on which he had pasted a clipping from a New York paper showing that at the free New York baths the attendants make a practice of charging 5 cents for private rooms.

Like Causes, Like Effects.

In "Daniel Everett, Volunteer-Regular," a "romance of the Philippines," by Israel Putnam, published by Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York, a shrewd and clever contrast between American and Filipino character runs throughout the entertaining book.

Branch Meetings.

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SOCIALISM OR DESPOTISM.

By Jesse Cox, ex-national chairman Social Democratic Party.

It has been the fate of every republic that has heretofore existed, with the exception of the Swiss republic, that it should fall and be succeeded by a military despotism.

All this, however, assumes that the productive system undergoes no change. The trend of affairs in this country at the present time is undoubtedly towards a MILITARY DESPOTISM.

It will perhaps be possible for these combinations of labor to succeed for a time, and success will bring increased demands. These demands, though modest enough, considering the increased productive capacity of labor, will be pushed beyond the point where capital can be profitably employed.

Socialism offers the only means of avoiding these results. The ownership of the land and the means of production by the whole people, and the just administration of a co-operative system in the interests of all, would give to every one the full results of his own labor.

THE "DANGER" OF STANDING ARMIES. HOW THEY WORK.

If you look at a map of Europe you will see in Russia a Czar who has a million armed men that he can use as he pleases.

own inferiority, ready to pull off his felt hat at the sight of livern worn by the servant of the great.

How can kings be destroyed when such power is in their control? As a matter of fact, the greatest DANGER TO KINGS lies in the work that is done by these great standing armies.

During his hours of rest he meets the young soldier from the city, the intelligent Jew with 500 years of independent thinking in his mind, or the old non-commissioned officer who sticks in the army because he takes pleasure in making Socialists out of country recruits.

Let Me No More a Mendicant. Let me no more a mendicant throughout the palace walls. Morning is spent: The sentinels change and challenge in the tower.

Labor Coming to its Own. The Milwaukee Patternmakers' union, through its president and secretary, A. P. Knauber and August Kornberger, has sent a circular to other unions throughout the country.

Debs and Whitcomb Riley. A man may be known both by his enemies and his friends. Riley, the celebrated "Hoosier poet," spent his earlier life in that part of Indiana where Debs' home is located.

GENERAL NOTES. The big copper trust has been finally launched. Capital, \$80,000,000. "The basis of man's true life is the desire for the universal welfare."—Tolstoy.

THE ONLY WAY. The only way to repair a watch or clock is to restore all the defective parts to their original condition. If others have failed to do it, try L. SACHS, The Jeweler, 418 National Ave.

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ca of the numberless students turned out by the various high schools that teach something of the rudiments of our trade. Indeed, it is no uncommon sight to see as many apprentices in a shop as there are journeymen, and this, with the influx of carpenters, means that there will be the keenest sort of competition when the present abnormal activity in industrial life subsides to be followed by the other extreme—abnormal inactivity—

It must be evident to an observing person that the consolidations now so general in the business world mean for the pattern trade a lessened demand for patterns as compared with the business done, as the former practice of having duplicate patterns in individual establishments is being abandoned and the same pattern (or castings) made to serve the purpose by shipment from place to place.

The Class Struggle.

Tolstoy Appeals to Czar. Berlin, May 15.—Count Tolstoy has sent a letter to the Czar describing the misery of the Russian peasantry, in which the writer called the Czar "dear brother."

The letter recalled the brilliant reign of Alexander II., who abolished serfdom and gave the peasant liberty to think and create like other men. The peasant was now stepping forward with justified prayers and demands to which deaf ears should not be turned.

Federated Trades Council. Meeting of May 21. Delegate E. J. Berner in chair. Delegate Charles Nicolaus, vice chairman for evening. All officers were sworn in for the present. Minutes approved. Delegates from six unions seated.

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EUROPE AND ITS TRUSTS.

By Isador Ladoff.

SOME people seem to labor under the delusion that the gigantic economic combines called trusts are exclusively an American product. As a matter of fact the United States are at present the most typical capitalistic country in the world.

The birthplace of trusts of Central Europe is Austria. In the last three years the syndicates have increased in number to such an extent that there does not appear to be at present any really important industry in the country which has not resorted to combination.

A Washington correspondent writes that there are three bills in Congress which, if they pass, will strengthen military control and practically establish an oligarchy.

Secretary Wilson of the United Mine Workers states that the membership of that organization is now 232,283, making it the largest labor organization in the United States.

Vienna, May 15.—A serious state of affairs has been discovered among the weavers of Bochemwald, Galicia. The weavers, who earn less than one-sixth of a penny an hour, are starving because they cannot afford to buy sufficient food.

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# SOCIALISTIC GLEANINGS.

### The Home Field.

Missouri has thirty-nine branches. Newcastle (Pa.) Socialists will start a local paper.

The national propaganda fund now foots up \$376.18.

A French branch will be organized at Westbrook, Me.

Father McGrady spoke at Brockton, Mass., on Monday last.

Comrade Charles H. Vail will arrange a lecture course in Boston this fall.

Comrade Martin H. Wefel of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been nominated for Congress.

Branch 3, Milwaukee, formerly Branch 1, will meet hereafter at Grasso's hall, 524 East Water street.

A new branch of the party was organized last week at Janesville, this state. It begins with a membership of twelve.

Comrade A. M. Simons took the side of Socialism against Ezra Cook, a Prohibitionist, in a debate at Chicago last Saturday.

Comrade Job Harriman, who was Debs' running mate at the last presidential election, will debate the sales tax with Ernest H. Crosby in New York.

Honor to Branch 2, Milwaukee. It was the first to send in contributions to the state campaign fund. It is hoped the other branches will follow suit promptly.

Madden, the third assistant postmaster general, who made some of the Socialistic papers so much trouble, is said to be having trouble with the administration at Washington, who think he overplayed his game.

Louis Klamrath, who has tramped the United States for the past five years getting subscribers for Socialist papers, was in Terre Haute, Ind., last week. He was at one time connected with the Russian colony.

At Newcastle, Pa., Comrade John W. Clayton has been nominated for selectman in a district that was carried at the last election by our party. Comrade Clayton is prominent in the labor movement.

Organizer C. C. Ross of Texas is reported to be urging the formation of a new national Socialist party, but we have not heard his reasons. Secretary Greenbaum sends out a notice denouncing Ross, but gives no details or specifications.

The Missouri Socialist is pitching into Vrooman's Western Co-operative Association. It says Vrooman is an "imperial Socialist." "Socialists of all shades unite," to paraphrase Marx, for is not the name of the national organization all-inclusive?

The brewery workers' trade journals and other labor papers are annoyed at the confusion growing out of the use of the term "local" by the Socialists, it having been used for years by the unions to designate their central bodies. The Socialists should get a term of their own.

Comrade John C. Chase, who was formerly the Social Democratic mayor of Haverhill, Mass., and who has been making a speaking tour through the Middle West, reports having made thirty-seven speeches in Illinois, mostly before trade unions. He says he had large audiences everywhere.

Unionists of Louisville, Col., put up a straight labor ticket and swept the platter clean. There seems to be an epidemic of this sort of thing, and Social Democrats, while naturally pleased to see old prejudices against political action wiped out, will have to give the new movement direction toward emancipation.

The shoe barons who think they own the city of Haverhill, Mass., and who are distracted because they cannot shake off the Socialists who stick like leeches, are now planning, it is said, to revise the charter and shut the Socialists out of the city government by doing away with ward representation.

Comrade A. Barkowski of Chicago, a Polish agitator for Socialism and editor of the Robotnik (Workingman), has been secured to rouse up Polish toilers in Milwaukee, beginning June 15. He will make three addresses on the south side and three or four in the Eighteenth ward. He will disseminate Polish literature also.

Comrade Emile Vandervelde, the leading figure in the movement in Belgium, who did most of the headwork for the recent demand for one-man-one-vote in that country, will visit the United States in September, accompanied by Mrs. Vandervelde, who is also a speaker. He will make a tour of the country and remain until after the elections.

When we said last week that the Advance of San Francisco had gone out of business we inadvertently stated what was not so. The paper arose from a new editor, it some time ago dispensed with a regular editor and that shortly afterward we ceased to receive it in exchange. The paper came to hand again this week and we hasten to make this correction.

### What the collectivists are doing throughout the world.

Baron von Feilitzsch, Bavarian minister of the interior, has introduced the secret ballot into the elections for the Bavarian diet. This is the first German state to introduce that reform. The secret ballot has heretofore been confined to the Reichstag elections.

The German, Austrian and Hungarian Socialists of Switzerland, have in their organization thirty-six sections with about 2500 members. Socialist publications were sold last year, amounting to \$900. An international socialist convention will be held the coming August, in Basel.

In a recent meeting of the General Council of the Federation of Agricultural Laborers' Leagues, in Bologna, the secretary reported 975 leagues with 185,030 members belonging to the federation. Thus in four months a gain of 271 leagues and 40,833 new members has been made.

The Young Men's Socialist Union of Stockholm, Sweden, has inaugurated a series of fetes in honor of the rank and file of the Swedish army. The soldiers regard the fetes sympathetically and report through intermediaries that the franchise question is eagerly discussed in the barracks.

The governor-general of Finland allows an extension of time to the voters who must present themselves for military service. The edict states that if the refusal to fulfill military duties is repeated, a more severe government will be instituted in Finland. That threat will cause more young men of Finland to emigrate.

On April 13 the Federation of Labor Unions of the canton of Zurich, Switzerland, unanimously adopted new statutes and changed its name to the "Social Democratic Party of the Canton of Zurich," thus becoming a branch of the Social Democratic Party of Switzerland. It has 44 sections and 2700 members.

The Liberals were very violent in the recent election of a member of the council in Canton St. Gallen, in Switzerland, attacking the campaign leaflet distributors of their opponents with blows which made blood run, and in some cases seizing and tearing up the leaflets. In spite of such methods, the Socialist candidate, Comrade Scherrer, was elected on a vote of 29,098 votes against 20,520 received by his opponent.

The Republicans of Milan supported the candidacy of an anarchist, Pietro Calcagno, who is now a convict in a penal settlement, against the eminent Socialist, Filippo Turati. The latter, on account of differences of opinion as to tactics, had resigned as member of Parliament from Milan. He was re-elected, but declined. Finally as the majority of the Socialist party declared in favor of his views and urged his re-election, he accepted the candidacy, and defeated his anarchist opponent by a large majority of votes.

The Social Democracy of Zurich, Switzerland, achieved a notable victory at the recent elections for the cantonal parliament, increasing their representation from 14 to 30 and getting 30 out of the 72 representatives from Zurich.

Labor Day in Warsaw, Poland, as was expected, did not end peacefully. The Warsaw strike committee of the Polish Social Democratic party posted notices on the walls of the city during the night for a public meeting at 5 in the afternoon. Over 30,000 men and women responded, but the authorities had not been sleeping, and a cordon of about 100 Cossacks guarded the entrance to the meeting park. Cries of "Long Live the First of May," and "Hurrah for the Revolution," and the sending up of red balloons was the crowd's way of protesting. Another 100 Cossacks were called out and a charge made on the crowd, trampling the feet of all in their way and using whips. One woman was killed. Some 200 were arrested.

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### That Ball Game.

Well, the day of the great battle is at hand! Next Sunday the warriors of the north side will meet face to face on the diamond at the Milwaukee Baseball park, Sixteenth and Lloyd streets, and fight it out, through nine or more sanguinary innings, to the breathless delight of as much of Milwaukee as can get through the gates. The tickets, adorned with the red flag, have been in great demand and the extra ones had to be printed. As the purpose is for the campaign fund, the purpose is worthy, and every toiler in Milwaukee ought to be on hand. And they must either see this game or go to the boycotted Quin park.

And here is the lineup!

North side—F. Dorn, catcher; R. Paetow, pitcher; H. Dohmen, shortstop; M. Hinz, first base; M. Lieberst, second base; A. Haas, third base; F. Haerter, left field; C. Slaby, center field; L. Haas, right field. Substitutes—C. Janier, H. Harbicht, V. L. Berger, Edward Ziegler, J. Hunger, J. Doerfler, Jr., manager from the bench.

South Side—Krause, third base; Jensen, left field; Luell, second base; Struck, pitcher; Rehfeld, shortstop; Fotsch, right field; Wildy, first base.

Hinz, center field; Hackendorf, catcher. Substitutes, Feber, Ratzmann, Cornelle, Meister, Captain, Rehfeld.

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# The National Platform.

The Socialist party of America, 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 but 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 the poverty and misery of the workers, and it divides society into 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 pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the working men 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 upbuilding 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 political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

- The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as all of the industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue therefrom to be used on the reduction of the taxes of the capitalist class, but the entire revenue to be applied first, to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employed, and then to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.
- The progressive reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production, to decrease the share of the capitalist class and to increase the share of the workers in the product of their labor.
- State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age, the revenue therefrom to be derived from the government.
- The inauguration of a system of public industries for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose, in order that the workers may receive the product of their toil.
- The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.
- Equal civil and political rights for men and women.
- The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

But in making these demands as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and in the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we warn the people against the public ownership demands made by apitallist political parties, which always result in perpetuating the capitalist system through the compromise or defect of the Socialist revolution.

"Socialism being the product of social evolution the only danger lies in obstructing it."—Rev. F. M. Sprague.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURT, IN PROBATE.—State of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, ss. In the matter of the estate of Marie Eliese Nieser, deceased.

On this 19th day of May, A. D. 1902, upon reading and filing the petition of Katie Nieser, Louie Nieser, Mary Nieser, Charles Nieser, Louise Nieser, Fred Nieser and Ella Humme, nee Nieser, stating that Marie Eliese Nieser, of the county of Milwaukee, died intestate, on or about the 9th day of May, 1902, and praying that Charles Nieser or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased.

It is ordered, that said application be heard on this 26th day of May, 1902, at 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached on the calendar.

And it is further ordered, that notice of said application and hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order for three consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social Democratic Herald," a newspaper printed in said city, prior to said hearing. By the Court,

CASIMIR GONSKI, Register of Probate.

RICHARD ELSNER, Attorney of Estate.

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