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THE Forum, Bucyrus, O., wants a constitutional convention society organized to work in the various states legislatures "for amend- printing wage-slavery. ments almost universally demanded." is the matter with the constitution? It suits the people who rule this country, and when it don't they will change it. You labor under the error of thinking that the voting millions have any knowledge or wishes about what would be good or ill for them. They don't, Frank. They have never read the constitution and would not know it if they met it in been gobbled by the capitalists of this liberty-the street. I have had more than one of them tell me, when I read portions of the henceforth and forever to skin the Cubans, Declarations of Independence, that it was rank treason and the fellows who circulate such literature should be hanged. Of course independent people have a right to do, you they felt sheepish when I told them what it was read from. When the rulers of this country want any change in the constitution ings. Yes, Cuba will be free—like the old all they have to do to make the change is to woman kept tavern. And the capitalists all they have to do to make the change is to tell their lick-spittals in congress and the wink the other eye. legislatures of their desires and they will get it. I refer to the rich as the rulers. They own the country and why should they not control it? What right have people who own nothing to say what laws they want. Frank, don't incite the mob!

As showing the drift of the times, the Siegel-Cooper Co., Chicago and New York, has been incorporated with: \$24,000.000 capital. Against which the little dealer, so far the property interests of the land, and evely as this company can get at him, will be as law is made to fasten the chains of industrial as this company can get at him, will be as helpless as the paked savage against the mailed knight. And it is the business of the company to get at him. If it cannot reach bye, and Sulzer can then go fishing. him from the cities, it will reach him by pushing out stores into the smaller cities and that will push out the great stores of the small cities into the town, so that indirectly every merchant is interested in the operation of this great retail concern that has grown to such immense proportions in twelve years. It has made two millions a year profit. It is only one of several of the same kind. When the system is perfected so that one concern will be able to put in a hundred stores in as many cities, you may imagine what influence it will have in pushing the little merchants onto the street as the factories pushed the workingman into the street by the use of perfected machinery. Then what a howl will go up! What calamity howling there will Japs and Chinese by the thousands are pouring into the Pacific coast states, in violation of the laws, but then capitalists need them life. a snare, and must be overthrown! O, it's in their business and of course they will come on the one hundred men went in: American laborers vote the capitalist into business, in which each had one vote in they uphold closes in on them and gently tickets and that gives the capitalists the conpushes them into the poor house.

This government, in the "diplomatic" way, has told the sultan of Turkey that if he does not pay a claim for damages to some alleged tell you they love you and you must vote for Americans that it will send over some warships them against the awful socialists! Well, you blow and—well, shoot the stuffing out of his blow and—well, shoot the stuffing out of his subjects until he does pay. This has the approval of a great majority of our people. If the proceeding is correct, then it is proper if some man will not pay you for you to arm yourself and shoot the stuffing out of him; or if you are strong enough to pound the face off him. If one case is light, the other is off him. If one case is right the other is, with this more favorable element in the lat-ter case, that you would be doing your own pounding on the object for your own benefit; while in the case of the government, it would be killing and destroying property of people in Turkey who had nothing to do with the creation of the alleged claims, not the sultan at all, and for a person in whose damages the people of this country have no interest at all, yet who will pay many times the amount of the claims in the expenses of the navy "demonstration." But of such is our mod-ern political economy. Nice, isn't it? So logical! So sensible! So just!

MARION, IND., has some of the most ener-

It takes all kind of people to make a orld, we are often told. F. J. Wood of world, we are often told. Bruceville, Texas, writes that he has always been a democrat but has determined to cut guments. The eyes of loose and join the socialists. In the same the world are turning mail C. F. Forsythe, Winfield, Kansas, stops toward New Zealand. his copy of the APPEAL because it refuses to advocate Bryan! And he thinks he is a socialist! But then he is a lawyer.

As good an arraignment of the present New Zealand. As soon as they understand system as has come out for a long time is "Monopolies and Trusts," a discourse to the here; America will then cast off the present by Rev. E. M. Wheelock. Ten thousand system and establish socialism. This is the copies have been distributed in Texas and next thing we must do. It is an expensive another edition is in preparation. A numundertaking, but it will pay. The APPEAL's ber of comrades have sent it in asking its

> The Inland Printer is arguing very hard for the master class and against the wage working class. It quotes approvingly state would not pay the wages, nor shorten the The working people get the money now and the Inland Printer would like to see some corporation get it. The printers who have their eyes open should instruct the Printer editor in economics. Give it to the Legree of

> A RESOLUTION has been introduced in congress to free Cuba on July 4. Then Cuba is the opposite of free now-the opposite of free is bond or subject. See? freedom will Cubans get. All the rights to operate her railways, street cars, water, telephones, telegraph, banks and money have and if they complain or attempt to regulate the laws in their own interest, as a free and will see the United States navy and army over there to stop such outrageous proceed

> Sulzer of New York said in congress the other day: "congress can not do anything and does not do anything without the con-sent of Downing street." Sulzer ought to know. He has been in congress some time. But he did not tell the public that congress can not do anything, and does not do any thing, without the consent of the trusts. And Sulzer is one of the men who is controlled by servitude on the people, and he helps to do it. But every day will be Sunday, bye and

This government (not your government, mind you, for you do not own any of it) pays 21 cents a pound for iron to cover its ships to kill or civilize the heathen! Think of it, 21 cents a pound for iron! And thousands of tons of it, too! Enough profit on a single order to have built all the mills, opened all the mines, made all the plates! But that that only \$500 a day is paid out, then \$500 would not be paternalistic enough to have filled the purse of Carnegie. Golly! how Carnegie does hate a -paternalistic government! And how the people like to pay millions to Carnegie rather than have less taxes

According to even the capitalistic press of the industries. What are you going to do about it. At every election the capitalists them against the awful socialists! Well, you

Philadelphia, Pa., April 26, 1900.

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Dear Comrade:—

1. The statement has been made to me that you are not a scientific socialist and don't understand scientific socialism. Is that true?

2. In the debate vs. Maguire, Job Harriman says "I am not a state socialist, but a social democrat."

What did he mean, and where do you draw the line- between state socialism and the other?

3. Why do some men say: "I am a Karl Marx socialist?"

READER.

Of course I am not a scientific socialistnobody is but the fellow who is, you know. Because, don't you know, he says so. If you want to know what the scientific article is, get him to explain. The difference between a social democrat and a state socialist is, that MARION, IND. has some of the most energetic socialist workers in the country. For the last two years they have been putting in much socialist literature and in the last year have put in many thousands of copies of the means of production and distribution. Do you see it? A Karl Marx socialist differs from the others in that he wants the common distribution. They put up two candidates for council and elected both. They had no candidates in the other three wards. In Muncie, Ind., a workingman heat the republican candidate in one ward.

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THE PESSIMIST.

HE pessimist is always looking back ward to the dead and Aspotic past for rules of action, for culterions to follow, for authority for usage and custom. The world is all right to him. He has no ambition to improve methods and customs. He is conservative and proud of it. If slavery exists in any form, if tyranny oppresses, if kings rule, if property crushes, it is something ordained of God and must not be questioned. He lives in the present gov-erned by the rules of the past. The optimist is looking forward, he longs for something better in every department of life; he is not satisfied with the machine he works with, but thinks out something better. he is not pleased with the injustice and would abolish it; he condemns crude and foolish social relations and teaches higher ideals; he is crucified on the cross pessimists prepare for him, and is later deified by the conservative class of later generations who have advanged a peg. And this is repeated from generation to generation. The dominant parties, classes, creeds and customs always hang 1 % a mill-stone around the neck of progress. Hence it is that the world progresses so slowly toward the millenium.

"Competition is the life of trade."

Well, is it? If you had all the trade of a community and two or three other fellows came in, would the little share left you make trade lively for you? Or would it not rather be deadly? Nor does competition increase the total of trade. Take the matter of food stuffs. A given amount of the total labor is spent in that article. Is nore of it bought because more people eng e in it? Even admitting that many people engaging in that line lessen the profit (which is not possible with more houses to keep up and each house having a smaller trade) and sell goods cheaper and more goods are sold, they would be sold for the same money and the total of trade would not be more than it was before, measured in money. Nor can the people buy more goods than they have money to pay for, and they spend all their money anyhow. If the price of food is lessened so that less money is needed to supply the demands of the people, the money will be so nt for clothing, entertainment, etc., but in no event will be greater than the wager occ. - I by the people The rich people buy all they want, whether cheap or dear, and the poor people can buy only the sum of their wages. Suppose the sum of wages paid out in any given community is \$1,000 a day. Then the trade of that community is on the average \$1,000 a day But it cannot exceed that sum, whether there be one or a dozen trades people-whether there be competition or monopoly. Trade is neither increased nor decreased by reason of either. If the places where the people work are closed or if the wages are reduced, so a day is the sum of the trade. For if the people are credited, the sum must be deducted from the wage account of the future or the merchants lose it. If the wages are doubled the amount of business in sales will be The life of trade is, therefore, a matter of increased wages or more employment, and not in competition. Competition is the law of death, co-operation is the law of

the management. There was much hard trol of the government as they have control work and a few places, the daties of which were light; the hours short and the places of work pleasant. When the places were assigned, each filling the one he was best fitted for, the matter of pay came up. It was voted by an 'overwhelming majority that the 95 places of hard and dangerous character should work ten hours a day and get one dollar each, while the easy, pleasant places should work but eight hours a day and get five dollars a day. Do you not think they were wise to make such rules? That shows how unselfish the majority was to vote on themselves yet some people insist that the human family

THE socialist vote has been attracting the attention of the New York Sun. Now mind you, not the socialists but the socialist VOTE. Socialists who do not vote the ticket do not count in influence or attract any attention to socialism. It is the vote that counts and encourages socialists and forces others to think what these people mean and what they 3,025 socialist votes in Rhode Island where the total vote was less than 50,000. The steady and large percentage of increase in every state (except New York where DeLeonism in the interest of capitalism killed it. growth) convinces the Sun that the socialist rote is a factor that will have to be considered, and it estimates that it will cast a quarter of a million votes this fall. Yes, and it bids fair to be a million, and would be if some a working man in Cincionati, remitting for hundred of alleged leaders could be trans-

THE earth is full of material out of which wealth is fashioned. In fact the earth is the material. With methods in vogue centuries ago men made of this material all the needs of the human family at that time, and then supported millions in arms and a nobility who did not produce anything. This 1 be-lieve all of you will grant. Today man is assisted with machinery that enables one day's work to produce from ten to a thousand times as much wealth as could be produced centuries ago. This I believe you will also admit. But there is one thing you will not admit-that is that while men can produce wealth enough to supply every human want (more than need) it is unnatural that some should have more than they can use while others suffer for what they really need. Nor will you admit it is any of your concern whether they do lack or not. But such a system is artificial, unnatural, vicious, and is your own concern. You will not admit that the system can be changed and the evils that flow from it be abolished. You say that when men are in want it is because they will not work; if they work all the time you say it is, because they will not save; if they save all the time how could they have the enjoyment of wealth? Again you say of the idle, they will not work. you know of any people who have not all the employes they want? I have never found any difficulty of getting all the help I need, and still there are thousands idle all or part of the time. If I employ some of these idle people, having all the help I now need, will not have to discharge some I now have and will not there be as many idle as before? Then tell me, if the idle are so because of their own desire, why is it that at some periods there are less idle than at others? You will say that at certain periods there were many idle and the country was panicky, and at others the country was prosperous and labor well employed. If this be true, do laziness and shiftlessness come in waves like panics? Are people lazy at one time and industrious at another? If they are not, then what makes more idle people at one time than anothe? How many people would quit work if they got the prevailing rate of wages plus the profits, which they would if the public operated the industry? How many people would refuse public employment at a salary of \$5,000 a year or more which the public could and would pay if it operated the industries? And if the products of such factories sold for enough to pay such salaries, which they would with public monopoly, where would such factory injure you whether you worked or not? None of the salaried public employes today, except in the postal system, produce anything, and all they draw comes out of your pocket without

EVERY election shows the silent growth of country, town and city the increase is rising like the flood that is to sweep the country. Not great spurts followed by an ebb, indicative of spasmodic, uncertain fountains, but the steady, determined rising that makes you feel that dams and barriers are of It is the little cloud in the canopy, so small that it attracts the attention of but the few mariners-what Emperor William saw and what disturbed him so much. But it comes nearer and larger, keeps coming, obscuring all other questions. It will be in everybody's eye in the United States in the next five years. For years it cut no figure in the electorate-not much yet-but now it is electing a councilman here, mayor over there, and the vote increases where there was no indication of its presence. It never goes back. A socialist once a socialist always. You never see socialists voting first this party and then that. He votes his sentiments every time and everywhere he has a chance. He is al. ways active, always aggressive; always campaigning. Others campaign about election time, but the socialist is never still. You will find him preaching his doctrine the day after election just the same as he did the day before. Every day thousands are converted, the camp of the enemy is being tampered with, but the enemy never wins one of the converts back. It is a one-sided game. They lose all the time-socialism wins all the time. selfish the majority was to vote on the light work the hard work at low pay and the light work everywhere. It knows no boundary lines at big pay to the few. Did you ever hear of that tell where this, that or the other king, that tell where this, that or the other king, potentate or plutocracy rules. It carries the same message of Peace, Plenty and Pleasure to all the children of men. It is not only the hope of the world, but it is the goal to which every human association is tending. The future is as certainly ours as the day follows night, Socialists nor non-socialists could not stop it if they would; they can only retard or facilitate. Socialism is the next step in the upward movement of the human family.

the Social Democratic party, whose object seems to be for the uplifting of the laboring classes, though I have read the papers every day. Doubtless there are many thousands of others who are ready. for a change, who are just as ignorant justia respect, as I have been."

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efeller's dividends this year will be twenty millions of dollars and from other sources fifty-five millions-a total of seventy-five millions that the people will pay him to keep him supplied with the necessities of life so he can work for them! You may think this a rather heavy salary to pay one man-a salary greater than ALL the crowned heads of Europe draw. But it is not too great a sal-Rockefeller is doing more for civilization-than he or you realize. He is doing more to concentrate wealth in the hands of a few, to show that private property must centralize in the hands of the cunning, to prove that doing business on a small scale is so wasteful that it cannot compete with business done on a gigantic scale, to force people to question the safety of letting business be done for private profit, than all the social agitators of the nation. The worst luck I wish him is that he will succeed in getting all the property of the nation and all the other people have none. Then all others will have no interest in maintaining the present insane system. Ninety per cent. of the individual business men of the nation will be out of a job within the next ten years. Industry of all kinds will be monopolized and harmonized ready for the people to take it over and have no jar in the process. Rockefeller is all right. One of these monopolists holding a hundred million of property said to a friend of mine recently, in response to the question, "Where is all this monopoly going to end?" "Well," said he, "there is only one end possible. The people will have to take all these properties in self-defense, but we will have a h ___ of a good time playing the game before they wake up to the fact." And Rockefeller is doing more to hasten that day than any other living man.

The ideas which have given birth to the generalities above set forth are wholly utopian. Placed in practice today they would bring forth confusion worse confounded, because man is neither competent or honest enough, either in mass or class, to carry them out.

I find the above in the Record, issued by the Traveler's Insurance Co. as a comment on the Social Democratic platform. You here see the estimate of that great corporation on humanity. It does not believe in honesty! It believes God made man dishonest! It does not believe there is honesty enough in the race to attend to its own business! But there is enough honesty in insurance officials to honestly advise them and insure them! You often hear socialists condemned as pessimists. Did you ever hear one utter such a pessimistic statement? cialists are optimists. They have faith in sustaining. In industry they would be self-sustaining and cost no taxes for keeping them manity, these fallen angels who are worshipping error, labor under the delusion that they could make a great deal better world than EVERY election shows the silent growth of this and yet they are unwilling to make an attempt to improve the social conditions country, town and city the increase is which are not natural but artificial wholly. What attracts the attention of the insurance company, is the demand for a condition that would need no insurance companies. They scent it like a king would scent the formation of a sect or party that would have conditions not heeding his kingship. But it is coming, whether the insurance companies take the profit out of the people and spend part of it in printing such stuff to mislead the people or not. The world is moving forward, not backward.

> Ar New Castle, Pa., when the workmen went after their pay the other day they got it in full, which meant they were wanted no longer. The Shovel Trust had absorbed and shut down the mill. The wire nail and rod mill, The postoffice at New Castle, however, not been absorbed by the greater postoffices and closed down, nor has the force been reduced in number or pay. But then the workers are afraid to have the public own the nail, wire and rod mills for fear they would become slaves like the postal employes! Ye What men will suffer in slavery for ear of slavery! Socialism would have shorttened the hours of labor, increased the pay and not thrown one person out of employ-ment. But the workers are afraid of socialism.

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Prof. C. R. Fillmore, Coalgate, 1. T., took

20 subscriptions on our plan for agents in the first day, and writes: "It beats anything I ever saw. Nearly every family takes one or say they will as soon as they get the money."





Here are the bakers' and confectioners' la-If you live in a large city you are doing especially good service by looking for one of these labels on the bread and cake you

TODAY millions are working with the crudest tools, under the most unscientific conditions; when it would be to the interest of society, if society were the direct employer, to have them supplied with the best machinery and working under the most scientific conditions. This one factor in production today prevents fully two-thirds of the production of wealth that the same labor would produce were everyone working under two cents. Isolated and conflicting interests would make it cost dollars per letter, providing the conflict were great enough. Wheat tion as the bicycle road, the tenen can be produced for less than five cents a house problem may solve itself bushel, all costs, direct and indirect considered, and there is enough land and climate where it can be operated to produce the entire wheat crop of the nation. It now cost-40 to 50 cents a bushel. It takes ten times as much labor today as is necessary, because there is no order or system to production. The same is true of most other things. There are offices in the country where the APPEAL could be produced with half a dozen extra people, because such offices are supplied with better appliances, and yet it takes thirty people to produce it with such appliances as it can afford. There is the waste. Under socialism the thirty people could be employed only one-sixth of the time and receive the same pay or share of the national production We have industrial anarchy-socialists long for industrial harmony.

GARROTE—A Spanish mode of execution by strangulation, with an iron collar affixed to a post and tightened by a screw until life becomes extinct—From Webster's Dictionary.

McKinley approved of this barbarons

method in the execution of five convicts in Porto Rico on April 7th. What matters a little thing like the Constitution of this country which declares that no eruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted? What do the ruling Great People of this country care for the constitution when they can curry favor with some sect? So damnable was the punishment, be it said to the credit of the American officials, that none of them would execute the sentence, and two felons were given their liberty if they would torture the convicts! McKinley thus approves of a cruelty that only criminals for liberty could be in duced to execute: Nice Christian president! the United States adopting the tortures of ernment? You ought to be. But no matter, office rich and honored.

Fear Cannot Stop Socialism.

The curse of this generation is that we are afraid. Anxiety and the fear of want are necessarily the constant companions of the poor, but no class is today exempt. Everywhere there is uneasiness, everywhere there is a growing sense of insecurity, everywhere his enthusiasm. Liberty, Equality, Fraternmen dread they know not what. But we are ity—these are the ideals that are fascinating able today to take stock of our resources as the soul of the new born sovereign people, we never were before, and the most cursory Slavery has been abolished in its worst forms examination shows that the resources are practically infinite. The history of the Russia and the negro bondage of the United world is at last an open book, and the task of States. The worst political tyrannies of the summing up is triffing. We see that the old world, handed down to us through successive myths of the impotence of man are laughable generations, have been wiped out of our cen monstrosities, interesting only as mementoes tury, the closing years of the century seeing of his early helplessness. A thousand arts the end of the last of the great mediae have picked him up out of the isolation of despotisms—the colonial empire of Spain. the past, and brought him into the closest contact with his fellows. Thus he has learned banding itself together and building up his strength and theirs, he has mastered the vast unions, through which is to come the virtue of self reliance and discovered the power that combination gives.

long and sturdy struggle, will never desert More than a selfish struggle for rights is this him; that knowledge, so laboriously acquired, labor movement—it is the unselfish struggle he will never forget. It may be that a sharp, that finds in the wrongs of one member of shock or two will be required to wake the the body the call for help from all other sleeper; that the chrysalis may be burst with members. Far beyond the ranks of the wage

certain as tomorrow's dawn.

The momentum already acquired by the human race is irresistible; neither priest nor master, can hope to bar the way. An immense solidarity of thought, and consequently an immense solidarity of action; a universal life conducted upon principles in which all the actors are agreed; such is the forecast of a future which is probably far nearer than even the most sanguine of us suppose. That the masses are today completely skeptical of its attainment is nothing; for it has been the fate of all great changes to be mocked at beforehand, and to be regarded as inevitable when once accomplished.

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the following diagnosis:

Worry; nervous tension; despair; fatigue ment from forced inactivity; bad ventilation, light and heat of the average factory; necessity requiring women to work during critical periods of dife; long standing or other hos-tures often required during work; labor dur-ing childhood where there should be school ing, recreation, open air and good food— After reading the above paragraph can you

wonder at the enormous increase in nervous diseases and in diseases due to poor nutri- Josiah Quincy told us years ago, after his tion, decreased vitality, poor body develop-ment and decreased resistance?

Can we wonder that there is not even a ster increase in insanity, intemperance micide and crime?

There is only one cure. Remove the cause Do away with competition for life's neces

9999999999999 THE IDEALS OF THE NEW CENTURY

HE Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton recently wrote the following prophecy for the Hearst newspapers:

For the first time in human history we are coming in sight of a possible productivity that shall insure enough for all the children of men-if justly distributed, Given to the possibility of the distribution of power, as is now within our ken, and the factory may cease to be. When electricity can be turned on in every house, then in every home the workingman again dwelling in the midst of his family may perhaps carry on home industries as a branch of the factory.

With the rate of speed increased, as our scientific men say it may be increased, a best conditions. It is by this right direction hundred miles an hour, by the substitution that a letter is carried all over the nation for of electricity for steam, by better roadbeds, by more scientifically constructed trains of cars, by perhaps some evolu-tion as the bicycle road, the tenementevery city by making a garden home of the whole surrounding country within a hundred miles.

So with reference to every other problem of social misery and wrong. If there is a genuine and earnest and passionate desire for the betterment of mankind, the way is being

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Monopolies and Trusts

By Rev. E. M. Wheelock, Austin, T

This in next week's APPEA lively all the way through A +> & ple paragraph in "What Social +> are Saying on page 2 this week It is forceful.

Uncle Sam and the Trus

The most sturd can be helped by this. An example of ties mu-nicipal socialism in practice, a full announcement of the new interna-tionalist socialist review, some excetient short articles on socialism will combine to make No. 234 of especial interest to socialists and first-class shot to fire at the unciv-

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opened thereto. Now, the evolution of this Done under the Stars and Stripes! Think of desire is in the most significant evolution of our wonderful century. Beyond any other the Spanish Inquisition! Great and good century in the history of man, save perhaps government! Proud of your Spanish government? You could be a Reference of the control o Christianity and the rise of Buddhism, our McKinley, like Cleveland, will come out of century manifests an awakening of conscience concerning social evils.

Every one knows the tale of modern char ity, which is going wherever there are ignorance and suffering and want and misery, and consecrating wealth and culture and life to the uplift of mankind.

A new political passion has seized man's mind. The ideals of democracy enkindle in our wonderful century, as to serfdom of generations, have been wiped out of our cen the end of the last of the great mediaeval

Labor has found a way to organize itself -banding itself together and building up emancipation of the wage worker, his education in self-government, his preparation for That character, forged in the furnace of a the role that awaits him in the new era. painful effort. But that it will burst is as workers the new hunger for justice in civilization is stirring in the souls of men; and the manifestation thereof is in the movement vaguely known as socialism. About the economic adjustments of the new order, as the socialists conceive them, we may well differ, believing such an order impracticable or dangerous, if we so judge. Of the ethical ideal back of socialism there can be but one opinion. It is a movement toward the dispossession of selfishness and the mastery of human relationship by justice and by love.

Henry George and Edward Bellamy and Laurence Gronlund, just passed away, are the proto-martyrs in our country of this new crusade for humanity. Into the currents of this new movement are being swept men of every vocation in life who are seeking after a nobler society. Ruskin in art, Tolstoi in literature, Morris in poetry, Wallace in science and Wagner in music—all alike betoken the lack of nourishing food; long hours, no time and Waguer in music—all alike betoken the for recreation; depression and discourage, depth and fervor of this new uprising of the soul of man against the vested wrongs of

That good time coming must needs have a material basis provided for it, and an economic order prepared for it; but it will never ome, with material means and economic order provided, until first of all there is within the average man a deep desire, a fixed determination to have that good time come. As long and faithful experience in co-operation, eco-operation needs good men." Socialism iting subscriptions or distributing literature, needs social men. The government of the It will permit them to push the cause for-Golden Rule, which the big-hearted mayor of Toledo is preaching, needs men in whom the Golden Rule is enshrined as it is in his manly

monster of slavery that Herbert Spencer depicts. As it grows from within and becomes the outer form of the altruistic spirit—the unselfish, loving, just nature of the new man -it will prove a freedom to the world. the social soul into our social civilization, and the social body will quickly grow around Why, even our mammoth trusts would make a pretty good form of socialism if there were within them a heart and a con-science; if these gigantic corporations found souls growing within them; if the directorates of these mammoth combinations really cared for anything else than the heaping up of personal fortunes. They bring to an end now the era of brute competition; ganize and systematize industry and trade; prevent the alternate fever and chill of overproduction and stagnation, end the folly of a planless production"-do pretty much everything that the socialist wants short of socializing their profits, the wealth accumulated in them.

Without waiting for legislation to solve the problem of the trust, that problem can be solved if Christian men really care to utilize these organizations for the service of society. The task of the new century is to socialize the magnificent forces which the closing century has handed over to man, unchain the production of powers of civilization from the chariot of Croesus and harness them to the fortunes of the people.

The Money Question.

By F. G. R. Gomos.

Many socialists say that the working class have no interest in the money question. Let us see. Money is a medium of exchange.

In order to have a twenty dollar gold piece an average of at least ten days labor must be expended. We could have the same thing in a twenty dollar bill (paper) for about five minutes' labor,

It is the stamp of government that 'makes gold, copper, or paper money. Why need we waste so much labor to supply the nation with the money tool when it can be done with one-fiftieth of the cost?

Because of a gold standard, or bimetalism, or a silver standard, we have a system of ponded indebtedness and because of this relic of barbarism' we have paid millions upon millions in interest. The labor cost of obtaining a gold or silver dollar is hardly ever the same for twelve months at a time. Neither gold, nor silver, nor any two metals can bear the same ratio for any length of time. It is said that gold is the money of death. the world, but outside of each nation all commodity money is sold for its commodity value. By the colnage of gold or silver, the nation performs a service to the individuals free and taxes the rest of us to pay the, bill,

The bank clearings in 30 cities aggregate more than fifty billions of dollars annually, showing that about 96 per cent of all busi ness is transacted with private paper. Can't we do as well with public paper, the greenback?

Had we as a nation followed the advice of God. Lincoln, this nation would have been free from debt today. We have paid interest the prevailing "individualism" fail to quote enough to aggregate a sum equal to more than \$1,000 for ewry workingmans family in this nation.

There is not gold-and silver enough in America to pay five cents on the dollar of our bonded indebtedness. The real difference between a bond and a greenback is that one burdens society with interest and the other does not. If the private ownership of railroads is a curse so is the private ownership of the means of issuing the money tool

Either the gold standard-bond issuingnational banking schemes are all right under this system or, we do do have an interest in ests. the money question Either the foolish free overridden in the court, lied about by the silver policy is' likewise correct, or we as workingmen do have an interest in this money question.

A man can be a free trader and at the same time a good socialist, and a man can be a greenbacker and also be a good socialist. Both the postage stamp and the real greenback are state socialistic things and as such we workingmen do have an interest in the money question.

Competition Not the Spur.

cently published letters of the late Prof. T. as illustrating the absurdity of the claim that division under the present system. plicit confidence." . . . "The worst of as a mere labor machine, —while the share of it is I have no ambition, except as a means labor is the injunction and the blacklist and to an end, and that end is sufficient income give two straws for all the honors and titles in the world. A worker I must always be year I would never let my name appear to now. There is nothing else. The change free from all those personal motives that have actuated the best. But, unfortunately, man. It is not, as Mr. Ingalls wants you to quires feeding, and so, while my inner man is continually indulging in these anchorite reflections, the outer is sedulously elbowing gold medals and professors' caps."

H. G. Wilshire.

I believe I have a plan which if carried out will send the APPEAL well on toward the million list. It offers work for the large number of socialists who are so situated that they cannot get out and do active work solieward without endangering their jobs. You can do it at night or in odd hours. If interested write the APPEAL, Department A.

POOR JOHN JAMES INGALLS BY GEORGE B. HARRISON

OHN J. INGALLS, who was popularly supposed to be an extinct volcano, has been smoking again lately. In order to attract attention he has attacked socialism. He has used a good deal of language, but has not said much; his position is palpably that of an ant in a tornado, which is never an effective position.

The best that John J. can say is that "the radical error of socialism is the assumption that there is some power in society above and beyond that of individuals of which society is composed." This may be taken in two ways. In one it simply means what Ingalls said in a recent article: "I knock on this Jesus business, and knock hard." If there is no divine hand guiding the workings of society then Mr. Ingalls is right. Yet once before Mr. Ingalls said that there was no power in society above and beyond the magdifficent intellect which John James Ingalls carried around-the populist farmers of Kansas proved that he was mistaken. It is possible that he may have made a second mistake in his life.

The other meaning is that he thinks that two men working together cannot do better than one at a time. It does not seem possible that a man of his attainments would attempt this argument, yet it is an old trick of Ingalls to dress fallacious ideas in fine language for display as right thinking. Therefore it is not at all improbable that he really ntended this meaning. It is the more charitable view.

Here are some more Ingallisms, which summarize his antagonism to socialism:

"Ninety-seven out of every hundred American citizens die penniless. These are the advocates and propagandists of socialism. Their program is the forcible redistribution of the assets of society. It is an attempt by human enactment to abrogate and repeal the laws of God." "We have become the richest and most powerful nation bebecome the richest and most powerful nation be-cause every man has been left free to be master of himself, to improve his condition, to obtain superior reward for superior merit." "Socialism is the final refuge of those who have failed in the struggle for life. It is the prescription of those who are bern tired. It would deprive ambition who are own tred. It would deprive ambition of its incentive, industry of its slimulus, excel-lence of its supremacy, and character of its re-ward. Individualism would lift all to the level of the highest. Socialism would drag all down to the level of the lowest. Individualism is progress and life. Socialism is stagnation and

These are familiar fallacies. They about cover the whole ground of the anti-socialist. Mr. Ingalis dare offer no evidence; for he has Indeed, he might have quoted the none. Webster dictionary definition of "individualism," which is: "An excessive or exclusive regard to one's personal interest; self-interest; selfishness." Somehow he overlooked this. Perhaps because it would hardly prove that co-operation and brotherhood are an attempt to abrogate and repeal the laws of

It is quite remarkable how upholders of its results to prove their contentions. For there are results.

There was an Attorney General in Ohio who furnished an illustration of how individualism gives superior reward to superior It came to his knowledge that the merit. Standard Oil company was defying the law, suppressing competitors, depriving ambition of its incentive and industry of its stimulus. He wanted to be honest and administer faithfully the trust reposed in him. But he made the mistake of trying to administer on behalf of the people instead of the moneyed inter-Consequently he- was humiliated and newspapers and not allowed to be heard of for a second term by the party managers. I'hat was the way he was lifted up to the level of the highest for having upright convictions. It is the way any other public official upholding the present system would be treated if he should let the idea break into his head that a public office commits to the holder a public duty.

Then there is that "forcible redistribution," that dividing up argument. Evidence conat every corner. Mr. Incompetition is a pecessary spar for man's under a merciless, money system which diest endeavors: "I hate the incessant strug- vides the capitalist's share into a full measgle and toil to, cut one another's throat ure of the luxuries as well as the necessaries amongst us men, and I long to be able to of life, the right to enforce or disregard laws meet with some one in whom I can place im- at pleasure and the use of the wage-worker the right to starve. The steel trust can arto marry on, I assure you that I would not bitrarily throw thousands of men out of work, but the courts will not allow the striking cigar makers to receive money from sym. it is my nature—but if I had 400 pounds a pathizers. Oh, no. There is no dividing up anything I did or ever shall do. It would be that socialism seeks to make would substitute glorious to be a voice working in secret and for the avarice and scheming of today's busione is not a rox et practerea pikil, but with a think, the substitution of one tyranny for anconsiderable corporality attached which re- other, but the substitution of brotherhood for typanny, the change from competition to association. Socialism comprehends the free "activity of the moral and altruistic energies" and pushing as if he theamed of nothing but fully as much as it includes public owner-This requires an education up to the ship. ideals Ingalis has never reached, consequently he is not a socialist.

individualist, according to Mr. Ingalls. To there is no guarantee of happiness. Is the game worth the candle? It has been to Mr. ingalls apparently; but see what a hollow, empty life he has led. Socialism would bring wealth, power, luxury, ease and happiness to Socialism induced from without make the Tamerica. Fifty cents a year, 344 Unity Bidg., Chicago, all not too lazy to work for them and fame to Address: Dr. C. W. Maf, Denver, Co.

all deserving of it. And in the socialist commonwealth one would not get these by trampling over the bodies of fellow men for them, but because of service rendered to make the world better

The program of socialism is not force. To

an upholder of conquest, competitive busi-

ness and other forms of war, like J. J. Ingalls, the idea of a method of living wherein all would do as they would be done by is be-youd conception. It is true nevertheless that socialism disclaims to regulate by force. We are changing from rule by animal strength to rule by intellect, from ruling by force to government by ideas, and that change is socialism. Men are seeing its justice as they become better educated, and the world is rapidly advancing to the new order of things. No movement is so world-wide and so expansive as is socialism. It is coming because it is right, and nothing can restrain it. Because Mr. Ingalls belongs to the lower civilization and cannot see this he is to be pitied, not condemned.

Yet he ought to know better. He certainly knows that he is not telling the truth when he says that the present system leaves every man free to be master of himself. We need individuality, not individualism, but we can never get it as long as one man lives at the expense of another. The greatest good to the greatest number is the greatest good for all and only a system that recognizes this can bring justice and happiness to those who live under it. Despotic "socialism," that which comes from without and which Mr. Ingalls and others like to rail at, is not socialism. True socialism is from within. It is the fulfilling of the law. It is selfishness that is stagnation and death.

What Socialism Means.

Monopoly's curse, the piling up of colossal fortunes by the few at the expense of the many, the weary, blighting slavery of the masses, the bitter, grinding poverty which seeks refuge in suicide or the sale of body and soul will be abolished until the principles of socialism are adopted.

Socialism is not anarchy; it is not the support of the idle and vicious at the expense of the toilers; it is not a robbing of the industrious by an enforced division of his gains with those who refuse to work; it is none of these, but society, as present organized, permits and fosters just such abuses. Men fear socialism as an unholy thing because they attribute to it the intention to do that which they recognize as outrageous. Ostrich-like, however, they hide their heads in the sands of tradition and endure the very evils which they charge that socialism will cause, truth is that socialism means the abolition and destruction of all such abuses.

Socialism means the enjoyment by every man of the fruits of his own labor; it means an opportunity for the overworked man and the weary, heart-broken woman to partake of the culture and refinement now denied them and to feel the warm glow of comfort and independence; it means that the worker shall enjoy the whole of every day's labor per-formed by him, and that no part thereof shall be given up under duress to the support of those who waste it in riot and wantonness; it means that the manifold riches of nature shall be the common heritage of all men, and that man shall compel another to be his slave; that the man who works shall eat the food, wear the clothes, live in the house and drive the team his labor earns, and have the time and opportunity outside the hours of labor necessary for his support and the discharge of his duties to society, to cultivate his mind and train his body. These are the vital principles of socialism, and, when realized, there will be no more human brethren to the ox: neither will there be human vampires who suck the blood of toiling men and women.

San Jacinto, Cala. J. M. BROWN.

How We Do It.

PROF. GEO. D. HERRON.

The present situation may be compared to that of a man who has fallen under a heavy laden dray with merchandise. You can call the The following extract from one of the regalls will never quote this evidence dise "commercialism." Soon there comes because it damns his statement that along a set of men who see that there is a H. Huxley to his mother which appeared in individualism is progress and life. man under the dray, who, of he be not dead, the April McClure's Magazine is of interest There could be no worse or more marked probably wants to get out. They gather We live around and talk about the man and about how to get him out, and whether he ought to be let out. They decide that it might be a bad thing to let him out all at once. He would not be used to it, and he had better get used to it by getting a foot outfirst. So they talk about him, and they get a job talking about him. You can call these men legislators. Then there is another class of men, who do not pay much attention to the man, but they examine the bales and the dray, and they make tables of figures. They call these men scientists and they get a job talking about the man. Then another class of men say the man would not be under the dray if his heart were not bad. And these men are called ministers, and they get a job talking about the man. So they have all got jobs, and the man is left under the dray.

> The ministers are getting more Christian every day. Wheelock's "Monopolies and Trusts" (in next week's APPEAL) is a corker. We have an article for an early issue from Rev. Stewart Sheldon, father of the famous Charles M. Sheldon that shows where the author of "In His Steps" got some of his socialist ideas that have sold so many of his Fame, wealth, power, luxury, ease and socialist ideas that have sold so many of his happiness are the rewards of the successful books. Work on the preachers; they can do a lot of leavening. A subscription for each get them one must give up Christianity; hon- of the ministers in your town may accomplish or, truth and a great deal of love, and then wonders. Start with one or two of the most broad-minded if you can't do more.

CAPITAL.

BY MEERY M. EDMISTON

Said Capital with a smile sublime reign supreme in every clime, Upon the earth from pole to pole, When billowy seas and oceans roll, O'er mountains robed in virgin show, And mineral ores, concealed below, The earth complete is wholly mine, For gold is might and power divine.

All hidden wealth concealed from sight My tolling slaves must bring to light,
Tis true they delve and moil and groan,
With shrunken frames of skin and bone: No light of sun dispells the gloom
That makes the mine a living tomb;
I own the men, likewise the mine.
For gold is might and power divine.

The forests vast 'neath starry dome. The desert sands where Arabs roam, The mountain streams with torrents strong And silvery streams that flow along And silvery streams that now along
The sunny vales with growing grain.
The herbs and roots that banish pain,
The luscious grapes, compressed for wine,
Are all controlled by gold divine.

Upon the sea and ocean blue, I pon the sea and ocean blue.
I own the captains, ships and crews;
The factories, mills and caravan,
All industries pursued by man;
Cities and towns I also own,
Though built with iro., wood or stone, The Godly churches built so fine. Are also ruled by gold divine.

This golden calf must be o'erthrow. Placing all life upon its throne. Honor the men with brains and mississ state.
Who live in justice, despising wrong.
Tis most infamous that men must ke To wealthy parasites who kill and stra Nature alone acts most benign, Sustained by Him we call divine.

THE PAGAN.

From the Sydney (Australia) Bulletin. In the dim and distant ages of long ago men said That Christ the King had conquered and the Pa-

gan gods were dead. He died to save His people and that sacrifice sub-We celebrate by eating eggs, His birth by panto-

He preached the curse of riches and he blessed

the poor and meek-any man should smite thee turn to him the other cheek."

And the grateful nations kneeling to keep His Then lusted, fought and swindled just exactly as

Pagan Gods! Your ancient glory shines behind the veil as bright. Venus, Bacchus, Mars and Mammon, still your

altars are alight, For on stock exchange and market, in theater and bar. in harracks and in hawdy-house your holy tem

Ye are the real immortals; ye are the gods of

As deathless as our passions: ye worship now as

Like polished wood and varnished we have all a Christian stain,
But Christ's only on the surface; the Pagan's in

the grain.

LOVE IS LIFE,

BY A. L. TAYLOR.

Bitter the seed of hate we sow In competition's strife:
But the time will come when all shall know
That love, not war is right.

The law of service and of love, Is each a compliment;
And wise that nation which upward plods
Through prudent discontent.

Self as a mentor has done its work
With cruel, relentless hand,
But love is soon to mount her throne
With justice as her wand.

The sweep of mutualistic thought Is so broad and deep and pure And love that makes all nations one

Shall reign forever more. A Model Municipal Platform.

The social democrats of Terre Haute, Ind. have drafted a model municipal platform which-will be used by the Social Democratic party in its municipal campaigns in many The platform is as follows:

1. That the city as soon as feasible take over all public utilities, the same to be used for bettering and improving the condition of the working class.

2. Organized labor to be employed where ever possible, at the union rate of wages; eight hours to constitute a day's work.

3. The union label to be used exclusively 4. The city shall abolish the contract sys-

tem as far as possible on all public work and substitute direct employment by the city. 5. All the powers of the municipality should be used for the purpose of providing

work for the unemployed.

6. The city shall erect as soon as possible public baths, conveniently located in the working districts. Other municipal improvements, such as public playgrounds, gymna-siums, etc., to be inaugurated as soon as

7 That free school books and adequate school facilities shall be provided. Where parents are unable to provide the proper clothing, the same shall be provided by the city. Such clothing shall be of such material as that commonly worn, so that those who take advantage of it cannot be dis-

tinguished from those who do not.

8. Free meals to be provided to school children if necessary.

Funny, Isn't It?

The people own and operate the postal sys-

The people own and operate the judiciary The people own and operate the fire sys

The people own and operate the streets, highways and bridges.

The people own and operate the tax sys-

The people own and operate the school sys

tem.

The people own and operate the prison

But the fools who suggest that the railroad and telegraph should be added are too crazy to be allowed to run at large. Funny isn't

HUMANITY vs. "PATRIOTISI

PREFACE

My object is to cause the blind to see. My incentive is the wolf that threatens very door

My motto is brevity and simplicity. My claim is not that there is anything new, deep or profound herein, but that there is

much of the world's best thought boiled down. brains or inclination to read great works, will have the time and inclination to belongs to those who made it. If there were read this - it requires no brains.

My prayer is that this will help cause a sleeping people to awaken.

JL JL The Conditions

What are the present conditions? Are they satisfactory? If so this book is superfluous. If not, let us try to make them so. Here are ten reasons why present conditions are not satisfactory:

1-Labor creates all wealth and gets only a living out of it, and not always that.

2-Capital creates nothing and gets prac at dly everything.

Labor creates capital, and yet labor is rependent upon capital for work, and theretore for a living.

4-Labor builds palaces and lives in hov ...; builds railroads and rides in carts-or walks; builds machinery and others reap the enefits; makes gas and electricity and uses kerosene; makes fine linens and silks and wears cheap cotton; makes everything and gets practically nothing.

5-Labor is inspired to degenerate into ignorance, vice, drunkenness, distionesty and depravity.

-Trusts in private hands are monopolizng all production and distribution so that there is little chance for an honest man to make a living, and these trusts are making the human racedependent upon them for food, clothes and shelter.

7-Land is being monopolized by the few. 8-The world is filled with plenty of everything necessary to the happiness of everybody, yet millions are suffering for want of simple food, clothes and shelter.

9-Money is now a necessity yet it is all owned and controlled by the few.

10-With all the great labor-saving machinery, the burden of labor is growing heavier, for employment gets scarcer with every new invention, with every trust and with every department store.

This may not seem very bad to the superficial thinker, but if it is thought over very carefully it will not be difficult to see that a system that will permit such unequal conditions is intolerable.

· Capital

What a magic thing is capital. It squats on a piece of land, which it holds till its surroundings makes it valuable. Then it hires men to build a great building upon it. It pays the men market wages. When it is done capital owns the building and it then rents it ual will find that his liberty will be somewhat out and forever after it yields enough income to enable the capitalist to live without doing any more work. As to the men, they finish the job and find that when they have paid their own rent, grocery bills, doctors, etc. they have little or nothing left, so they look for another job. If they get it, they go on making other buildings for capital and at the end of their lives they find that they haven't even got one building of their own.

Again, capital hires men at market wages to make machinery. When it is done, capital has the machinery, the men have nothing except their wages, and in the long run, the wages will no more than pay their living expenses.

Again, capital hires men at market wages to make clothes, shoes, hats, furniture, bicycles, stoves, bread, cars and a million other things, and when they are done, capital owns them all, and the men who made them have ital, however, and in the end, the men get thing if properly used. No one will deny capital gets ten thousand.

36 Interest

lends it to us. It is not so. Interest taking is indefensible. It would take a book much ness of the few and the ignorance of the longer than this to prove it. Let him who doubts, read a book on the subject and think it out for himself.

Every cent of interest in the world is paid without loss. If I win at cards somebody can be shown that he can do better for himinterest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000, but not necessarily the man who paid him the interest. Perhaps the man who paid him the interest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000, but not necessarily the man who paid him the interest. Perhaps the man who paid him the interest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000, but not necessarily the man who paid him the interest. Perhaps the man who paid him the interest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000, but not necessarily the man who paid him the interest. Perhaps the man who paid him the interest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000 and the man who paid him the interest. Perhaps the man who paid him the interest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000 and the man who paid him the interest without doing any work, somebody has lost that \$1,000,000 and the man who paid him the interest without doing any work and the man who paid him the man who by the workingman. There cannot be gain wants to. But will be foolish to do so if it I, a lawyer, paid him part of that million, but other advantages to be derived from competition in some where did I get the money to pay the inter-tition, it is true that competition in some est? Clients paid it to me without my doing lines is indefensible. No one will defend the any useful work. Trace that money back to competition between nations to conquer a let us let the single taxer amuse himself units source, and you will find that through helpless ignorant little nation and confiscate some magic process capital got from labor its lands. No one will defend competition molested. that money, or its equivalent; therefore labor between two dogs for a bone when one must paid the interest. Interest means compound starve while the other has more than he can interest. If Jesus had left one penny and ever use. No one will applaud the competihis heirs had put it out at 6% interest, and tion between two pugilists, or between two ble. That combination and concentration are compound interest, today those heirs would men for food, clothes and shelter when one natural cannot be disputed. Men first worked

government, government issues all the money, we are slaves of the government, therefore we are the slaves of the money lenders. If let him keep it till he does want it. Money is not capital and it is not wealth. - Let him who has too much money, invest it in capital if he pleases, but if he does, he will need My hope is that those who have not the labor to preserve it, or it will decay. Labor made capital in the first place and it really no interest (rent and profit) labor would get all that it creates. It would then be its own capitalist. No man could then be idle and still make a living.

Government

Governments are generally corrupt and despotic. Organized society is necessary for the happiness of a civilized people, but I deny that any person has a right to govern me without my consent. Therefore I am opposed to "government." However, I am Therefore I am heartily in favor of organized society, but rather than call it government I would choose a word which implied that the affeged governors were simply servants of the governed. Kings and monarchs should have no place in modern civilization; neither should such pres idents as we have. If the chief executive is to be called president he should be simply a presiding servant of the people with power to equitable distribution of the necessaries of do only that which the people direct. should always be a system of direct legislation through which the public servants could constantly hear the voice of the people and act accordingly. Every people, whether ful as water. There could be no millionaires Filipino or Boer, has the right and ability to govern itself. There should be no governors, rulers and potentates to dictate. The people should be supreme.

Liberty

Liberty is the great paracea of -all our so cial, industrial, political and economic ills Governmental authority and legislative re straint deny liberty. Every man has an inalienable right to do anything he desires so society and this duty may of necessity be a every individual owes to society his services. or an equivalent, to be applied to the erection and maintenance of that railroad, whether it infringes upon his liberty or not, and the same with other public utilities. It is a natural law. The liberty of the individual is very frequently invaded by natural forces. He is a slave to the law of gravitation, to the tides, to the winds and to the elements. The individual caunot fly, cannot walk upon the waters, cannot live without air, cannot exist under water. His domain is on land only, and his liberties are therefore limited. And so in the organization of society, which is necessary to the happiness of all the individinvaded. But, what he loses in liberty will which he will receive from society. There is very little liberty enjoyed today in this wild competitive struggle for food, clothes and shelter. When society is properly organized so that food, clothes and shelter will be as plentiful as water, there will be an hundred times the amount of liberty to the individual that is enjoyed today.

Trusts.

The trust is a brother of machinery. Both are given to us to lighten and lessen our toil, but inasmuch as both machinery and 4rusts are owned, operated and controlled by a few capitalists they have proven a curse rather than a blessing. Machinery and trusts as yet have not lightened nor lessened the tool of the great human family one lota. They have even made the burden greater. No one the wages. The wages again go back to cap- will deny that improved machinery is a good on all public printing. All other union ten pairs of shoes and capital gets ten thou-that the trust is a good thing if properly used. sand. The wage earners get one house and They are great economics. They save vast The wage earners amounts of unnecessary labor. If we could number ten thousand, while the capitalists look upon the human race as one great famnumber ten. What a strange thing capital is! ily and if we could all get together for the purpose of providing this family with an abundance of food, clothes and shelter with Everybody seems to think that interest is the least possible labor and waste how quicknecessary, and that the man who has money ly would we seize machinery and the trusts is entitled to make us pay him interest if he and other God-given gifts and utilize them and other God-given gifts and utilize them for the good of the collectivity. The selfish- a single tax on land values. Whether or not many is the only obstacle.

Competition

will favor competition between men to get a... the water they can when it is apparent that haps another man starts another department the strongest or the smartest men will get store in the same community. Eventually more than they require and that many other men must therefore pay them a tariff on what into one. Then there will be a monopoly, they use. Therefore, let there be no competition between men in the great human family for food, clothes and shelter. In the production and distribution of these necessaries a man can make more money than he wants let all men get together and by combination and co operation get the very best and the very most that mother earth will give with the least possible waste and energy. Let there be no competition in getting. Let there be much competition in doing. Let the re-ward of competition be not gold, but let it be applause, respect and approval. Let no man compete for the bone, bread, for the almighty dollar, for the necessaries of life, but let all men compete or emulate in art, music, literature, science, discovery and exploration. Let men compete with one another in trying to do their duties, whether these duties be to themselves or to society.

Co-operation

I have already shown what co-operation is and what it can do. The trusts have given us examples of the advantages of co-operation. Men now work and slave from eight to fourteen hours a day. If it were not for the labor unions men would be working twenty-four hours a day if they could stand it. Some people today have a million times the amount of necessaries they can ever use. Millions of people today do not know where the next loaf of bread is coming from. If there were an There life and if society were properly organized and if the machines and trusts and the railroads were owned by the collectivity, then food, clothes and shelter would be as plentiand no paupers. Every man would have to do some useful work in order to get a living, and he would not have to hunt long for that work. Instead of working ten hours a day, every man would need work only three or four hours a day. Probably not a thinking man lives today who does not believe in cooperation. The difference of opinion exists only on the question of how best to co-operate. Some say private co-operation like the trusts and department stores, and others say long as he does not interfere with the rights government co-operation. I say neither one of others, but every individual oves a duty to is right. I believe in co-operation by organized society and I choose not to call this sorestraint upon his liberty. If organized society needs a railroad for the common good, means socialism, but socialism means a dozen different things. Some socialists uses the word government. I frequently use that word too, because it is the most convenient. Today I favor co-operation through government, but I maintain that this co-operation will finally abolish what is called government and we will then have voluntary co operation through the collectivity. Call it government if you will, for, like the rose, it will smell as

Wars

War is one of the surviving relics of canni balism and primitive conditions. Not only are wars frightfully brutal and inhuman, but they are entirely unnecessary. Selfish greed is the seed from which sprang horrid war. be repaid him twofold in the conveniences When in the evolution of things, there is plenty of everything for everybody and everybody gets it, then men cannot be hired to go to battle and kill one another for some monarch's benefit, or for the benefit of the capitalists. There may be such a thing as fighting for principle, but it is generally spelled with a "pal" at the end. Only one kind of fighting can be justified and that is lighting to repel invasion. The standing army is usually the servant of a despot or a plutocratic government. Wars teach the doctrine of force rather than the doctrine of rea son. The pen is mightier than the sword and love and reason should be the motive power behind the pen. There is a superstition among most people that patriotic duty sometimes calls men to war, just as there is a superstition about nearly everything else. rich speculators always enjoy the benefits of war and the poor man always shoulders the expense. The cost of wars and the maintenance of armies and navies is something appalling, yet labor pays every dollar of it and sheds nearly every drop of blood. If the burden and expense of war had to be borne by those who reap the profits, there would be no wars. War is nothing short of murder.

Single Tax

A large number of reformers seeing the evil conditions of society seek to cure all by the philosophy of Henry George is sound in all respects, we must all admit that the single tax would make a vast difference in conditions, and greatly lessen the burdens of the Every man has a right to compete if he wage earner. Unquestionably it is the only scientific taxation known. Land monopoly is

Monopoly A monopoly in private hands is indefensicompound interest, today those heirs would have enough money to buy six million globes the size of this earth of solid gold! A pretty big burden for the shoulders of lator. All cannot draw interest, even if all had the money to loan. Only a few can collect interest. If we all had plenty of money nobody would pay interest. Scarcity of money makes high rates of interest. Therefore those who live on interest want scarcity of those who live on interest want scarcity of those who live on interest want scarcity of money. And they get it. They own the

.... different stores under one roof; and perthese several department stores will unite and the thousands of little store keepers will have to desert their little stores. Just so will all of the big trusts eventually combine into one trust. Plainly we are now making rapid strides toward one universal trust in everything and it is beyond the shadow of a doubt that these vast combinations must be the property of the collectivity. Everything points toward monopoly, public monopoly, and there cannot be for any length of time a monopoly in private hands.

Conclusion Briefly I have gone over the conditions of

society today and have briefly outlined some of the remedies proposed. I have made only crude statements. I have not proved my assertions and have not attempted to reason. The reader must do that for himself. Formerly the workingman owned his tools of trade. Now they are owned by the capitalists. So are all of the instruments of producsion and distribution. Eventually the workingman's tools must be restored to him, else he will soon be subjected to a form of slavery more horrible than that which the world has yet seen. There is only one solution to it all Whether for weal or for woe organized now. society must own all of the means of production and distribution. Humanity should be the watchword. "Patriotism is the last resort of the scoundrel." says somebody. But whether this be true or not it is a self evident fact that too much prescious time is spent in howling about patriotism, when if all of this energy and thought were expended in the cause of humanity, it would not be long before we would not be confronted with the awful inequalities of today. To borrow from Carlisle, this country is composed of about eighty millions of people, mostly fools. If we would stop teaching patriotism to children, stop building forts, guns and war ships, stop worshiping bunting, there would be some room in the minds of the people for thoughts on the question of humanity. Today ignor-ance is supreme. When men learn to think the present system of capitalism will surely fall. Men are thinking more every day. It is coming.

Sam'l on Sense.

R. EDITER: I want to say a couple uv things, an' the tirst uv 'em is that you socialist is a lot of blunderin idiots. You think you could run a gov'ment. How d' you know you could? You've never had a chance to try it yit, so you can't know nothin' about it. The thing fur you to do, is to leave the gov'ment in the hands uv the fellers what understands it.

As I wuz sayin' to Si Jones t'other day, the men to run our affairs is the great captings uv industry. They're the fellers what knows how to handle the labor problem. Look at the dough they've made out uv it. Goin' on with my argyment, I says:
"Si," says I, "what we need in rulers is

good horse-sense, an' lots uv it."

"Well," Si says, "I reckon that's what we want, all right; but, Sam'l," he says, "I calc'late there's some difference 'tween horsesense an' hog-sense. The horse is all right enough; but the hog is about the dumbest critter alive. The hog is an ass, that's what be is. Why, blame it all," says he, "I've seen hogs what could git more to eat, an' git it easier, an' git fat faster, than any horse that ever pulled in traces; an' yit they didn't even have horse sense enough to take their snouts out uv the trough when the butcherknife wuz hanging over 'em. That's about how these captings uv industry is sitooated. Their outloook aint clear enough to suit metheir snouts is too deep in the swill; they're in over their eyes," says he.

"But looky here, Si." says I, "what d'you mean about that there butcher-knife biz-

ness?" "Oh, nothin' pa'tic'lar, only," says, he, kind uv squintin' one eye, "I've alluz notice d that the fatter a hog gits, the more danger he runs from the butcher-knife, an the cleaner the cut it makes when it gits at 'im."

They ain't no use argyin' with Si. He's too headstrong and sot in his views. You might just as well tried to argy with a abolitionist in war-time. But this time it made me kind uv mad, an' I jist tho't I'd dig into im a little, so I says:

"Si, I s pose you must be one uv them socialism fellers.

"I don't know nothin' about socialism." Si says, "an I reckon they's plenty uv others that don't. It's a new name, I calc'late; but if that there's socialism, they must be a whole lot uv socialists that goes by the old names: But then names don't count fur much with me. It's jist plain borse-sense I'm after.'

I see they wuz no chance fur a fair an' square, straight-out argyment, so I jist quit. You socialists is all alike, no difference what kind uv a label you have on you-alluz talkin' about horse-sense, an' mother-wit, an' the rule uv two-an'-two-is-four, an' all that kind uvthing. It makes me tired. SAM'L BURDOCK

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on everything you buy is a guarantee that the producers thereof receive a fair rate of wages for its production.

What Socialists are Saying

77 ENRY W. YOUNG (Kansas): Free the use of them.

Patrick Donobue (New York): Viewed from every point and after studying the evidence carefully, conscientiously and fearlessly, we can only arrive at this conclusion: that no honest man engaged in any commercial or professional enterprise under a competitive system can ever reach the goal of success. In order to do so he must resort to trickery, deception and fraud.

William J. Wills (Illinois): When one considers the tremendous waste of human energy by the producing classes in perpetuating a system of society where production is carried on for profit instead of use, the stagnation in business, the pauperism, despair and suicide, are not to be wondered at. The time will come when posterity will look back at the political and economic chaos of today with much the same disgust and same surprise that we of this day look back upon mediaval times, when during the dark ages men ruled by might and not by right.

Rev. E. M. Wheelock (Texas): Monopolies are the result of our economic laws and of the development of the age. They can not be remedied by outlawing them in the courts or by any penal anti-trust legislation. They there may be equality of all men in the gifts of God to the common life of the race. the popular evolution now going forward, the have atterly failed to announce the remedy, nor do they see that economic slavery is a greater evil than the old chattel bond-"Liberty before property, the man before the dollar," is an old maxim grown obsolete. Mammon, the God of our civilization, compels the many to die undeveloped that the few may live mis-developed. The worst criminals on our scatfolds were sprouting angels when six months old our evil social where christians talk about serving God. into serving them. The popular religion per 1,000 gallons for water. aims at nothing, and it hits what it aims atit has not yet leatned that Standard Oil does not mix with the waters of Life! To protect American labor against the cruelty of combined capitalistic greed would never do. It would be paternalism; so infernalism is what we are seeking-and getting. Legislation is powerless when met by concentrated billions. The only cure for private monopoly is public monopoly. Under competition the dollar is always king; the laws will be made and the courts will construe as the dollar dictates.

Job Harriman (California): What we propose is a co-operative commonwealth. Some men say that we want to compel you to co-operate. Do you not see that you are already compelled; that capital compels you; that unless you organize and control the machines others will organize and control you and the ma-Do you not see that the machine is you from your positions as laborers, and that the lighting work have been reduced and you are at their mercy everwhere? What we their wages have been increased 13 per cent. want is to induce men to take the typesetting machines, the spindles and looms, the foundries and railroads, the threshers and factores of all descriptions, out of the hands of tory, then touch the button and watch the not. wheels go round. Do you think you would neighbor's veins? No, no! life is more than vested rights. slaughter house. The fountains of life low with sweeter waters than this. Now as us raise the level of society, and hence of every individual, instead of wasting our lives in endless, petty wayfares.

James Oneal (Indiana): Now, what is modern socialism? In the first place, it is not, and does not mean, an ideal state of society away off in the future where everybody will have a pair of wings and a golden harp. In short it is not a future system already worked out for society to put on as one would don a suit of clothes. It is nothing more nor less than a scientific analysis of modern capitalis tic society. It is a philosophy of social development. It traces the genesis of capitalistic society out of the feudal stage that preceded it, notes its gradual development and the various stores it has reached in this development up to the present and predicts, within certain limitations, what the next step the human race is destined to take as a result of this historical development, irregardless of what we may wish that next step to be. other words socialism is a deduction based on historical facts in past and present history. As we look back through the ages of the past we see that humanity in its gradual ascendcy to civilization has reached certain marked stages in its onward march, and these The German Socialist party will hold its various stages have been classified and given annual congress at Mayence in September.

a name by investigators. Thus we speak of the hunting and fishing stage, the pastoral stage, the agricultural stage, the feudal and capitalistic stage. Now it is evident that these various stages in social development were normal growths and due to an evolutionary process which is still going on today. We also know that each stage has perished in time and a new social order took its place in public highways are a "socialistic logical succession. One stage gave birth to fad." The roads used to belong to another. The question that confronts us is. logical succession. One stage gave birth to private individuals who charged for what is the next stage in social evolution that the present development points out? The socialist answers that social ownership of the land and the implements of wealth production is the next stage that social development points out. We say that as a result of evolutionary forces now at work a new society is being formed, the outlines of which can be plainly seen, while at the same time a class is developing which is destined to usher in the new order, and will be forced to do so through the very development of capitalism agricultural districts where 80 per cent of the population lives. The horrors that exist the population lives. Missionaries say pregnant with the new-social order. It has already entered the pangs of child birth. It is the historical mission of the working class to preside over the birth of the new order. and the birth of the child (socialism) implies the death of its parent (capitalism).

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. **36** 36

Galena, Ill., will have a municipal lighting plant.

Marshall, Ill., voted to build city waterworks and electric light plants.

New York city loses between \$20,000 and can only be controlled by the ownership of all public resources by the whole people, that Brooklyn Bridge was turned over to the street railway company.

Fulton, N. Y., will change from private to public operation of the water-works system. two great parties, while recognizing the dis- The first thing the town intends to do after acquiring control is to spend \$10,000 to se cure better service.

> Chicago is to have a municipal telephone system for the use of the city departments. The originators of the plan think that it will serve as the first step toward the city ownership of the entire telephone service in Chicago.

The Coffeyville, Kans., waterworks conditions poisoned them. No world in the tem cleared \$1,075.59 from January 1 to universe has so much hell in it as this one, April 1, and numerous improvements were tem cleared \$1,075.59 from January 1 to made in the plant. The city built the plant while doing their best to swindle the Almighty in 1895 and charges from 2 cents to 20 cents

> Receipts from domestic service of the Sioux City, Ia., water plant last year paid all expenses of operation, repairs and extension and left a margin of \$6,867.14. Not figuring the expenses for new construction the receipts exceeded the expenditures by \$12.041.99

> An unsuccessful attempt was made in the Iowa legislature to transfer the waterworks purchase fund of the city of Des. Moines to another purpose and thus stop the progress of municipal ownership at the Iowa capital. It was blocked in spite of the heavy pressure of private interests.

The city plant of Manchester, England, makes a yearly profit of \$150,000 on com-mercial lighting. Half of this is put into the city treasury to reduce the tax rate and the rest is spent in extending and improving being placed in various industries, driving the plant. Hours of labor of employes in lighting work have been reduced and the

Mayor George A. Carnahan of Rochester, N. Y. said in a recent address: "Municipal ownership is a big question and is entitled to a great deal of thought by all people. As individuals, and run them in the interest of time goes on we shall hear more about the the commonwealth. We want society to subject. I believe the time is not far remote catch the water which runs down the hillsides, when the public will be forced to take an inturn it onto the dynamo, hitch it to the fac- terest in this matter whether it wants to or

Relative to the amounts the cities lose in be more miserable were you to take your taxes under private ownership Bird S. Coler, clutches from your brother's throat? Do comptroller of the city of New York, says you think the birds would cease to warble or ... The public corporations of the country are the brooks to babble if you did not say to vour brother, struggle or starve? Do you think the good things of this world are pud-evale the laws and to resist taxation in the evade the laws and to resist taxation in the dings made of the blood drawn from your near future there will be no such thing as

the new civilization presses upon us, let us face about. For once in the world's history let manbood join hands. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder against the obstacles of cities, the Scottish American says: "The nature, and not against each other. Let us small municipalities in Scotland have never beings. Every section of the world would do shorten the hours of worry and work, and had sufficient credit given them in making its utmost to lift India out of the abyss of lengthen the hours of study in art. Let us that country what it is today; the kindred in starvation and give her people new life, new make it possible for every one to exercise his stitutions of America will perform a service thoice as to the vocation he will follow. Let of inestimable value if they prove to their larger neighbors the possibilities and advan-tages of an economical and clean system of government.

This Ought to Interest You

I have made arrangements with a reliable firm, by which I can enlarge any picture to size of 14x17, finished in oil, put in an elegant, wide gilt frame, and furnish all with the APPRAL a year for \$1.98. Where 20 or more are taken in a club the pictures will go prepaid, ready for hanging up. And I can allow enough to pay the person soliciting for time consumed. These pictures are not cheap daubs, but those I have received are splendid copies of the original. Send \$1.98 and a When you get it you will have no trouble in getting your neighbors to subscribe. Four hundred have been put in this county. When your picture is shipped I will write you terms that will surprise you. This will help you to assist in the propaganda. It is worth your considering.

A Little Sermon by Deacon Cyrus-Clone.

HE ministers of my state have been asked to preach a sermon and take up a collection on behalf of the people of India who are threatened with starvation. I have my own ideas about what

kind of a sermon should be preached and demned 1900 years ago. where the collection ought to come from; if they are wrong they are not so because of the following facts.

The present famine is but a continuation of preceding ones, and my religious papers tell me that it is the worst of them all. Nearly 60,000,000 persons are affected, and no one seems to be able to tell how many of them will die. The government is able to care for but 5,000,000. In addition, the buffalo, that after everything else is gone the fathers and mothers sell their children to get a little grain for food. Boys don't sell well and the traffic is mostly in girls, bought by Mohammedans for 30 to 60 cents apiece.

It does not cost very much to sustain life in India. Fifteen dollars will support a Hindu for a year. Five dollars used at the first of the year until the floods come in July count for the saving of one human life. One the temple of the republic! dollar will feed twenty persons for a day. One dollar will rescue a child from starvation and support it for a month. A hundred-dol-lars will dig a well that will bring bountiful crops on several acres and secure many families from future famines. It would not take more than \$130,000 000 at the very most to their nefarious work. rescue India from starvation, restore agricultural activity, and prevent recurrence of the famine in the future.

Now I propose to take up a collection of \$130,000,000, but I don't want it from you. The hat will not be passed at the end of this sermon. I believe that England can do nothing less than to give double this amount. I have the official statement of the British treasury which estimates that if the war in the Transvaal ends by the time the rains come in India in July when the famine pressure will be relieved the war will have cost Great Britain \$650,000,000. This is the skeleton cost, and does not take into account any of the trimmings which will at any rate mount up to several millions more. Neither does it consider the private expenditures; and it is a feature of present conditions in India that while the British have previously raised large sums for the relief of famine sufferers this year, the war in South Africa has so diverted attention and money that the relief offered practically amounts to nothing at all. It is a fact that the relief of India is thrown upon the rest of the world, although England is the "governing power.

My collection will be a disappointmentnot the first-because England can't and won't save starving India. Why? The answer is not hard. To take the gold and diamond mines in South Africa and subjugate the Boars-that is competition; to feed the Indian prople and help them to get their farms in working order and enable them to live a happy, contented, prosperous lifethat is co-operation, socialism. We live under a competitive system and we abhor socialism. The returns from the conquest of Africa will be gold and commercial success; the returns from the rescue of India would be a larger love of humanity and all that comes from the right administration of the stewardship that God has given us. Eng-South Africa. There would be no money men's (public ownership) candidate from the profit in preventing stanvation in India. This sixth ward. is commercialism, it is the system we are upbolding, it is why England is spending five times as much in destructiveness and murder in Africa as she should spend in constructiveness and life-saving in India.

Now in the place of a collection I ask you this; that you use your influence to change present competitive system there are 90, stances. sas alone, held simply for profit while millions are starving in another corner of the world. It is the natural result of the selfish Commenting on the fact that the best trial system of private profit that children should no wars, no shooting or selling of human strength and new hope. Socialism is co-operation, love, brotherhood. Therefore, I pray you, preach socialism.

What Does Not Fit in the Present System.

Commercialism and religion do not go together. They never did and never will Commercialism and love of humanity do

Commercialism and patriotism do not go together. They never did and never will Commercialism is essentially selfish. ligion, love of humanity and patriotism a essentially unselfish and altruistic

There is no mere contemptible creature than; the man who seeks to debase these Lake iterald says: sacred emotions for commercial ends.

immortality, pretending to bring messages from another world at so much per message, and the man who joins the church to help his business are on a par, and are beneath the

respect of any honest man.

They are on the same plane as those who

sold doves in the temple of Jerusaiem."

If there is anything that Christ denounced more than another it is the love of money and hypocrisy.

Uniformly gentle and charitable in speech, he never used denunciatory language except as against the hypocrites, the ruling classes and the rich.

The same evils exist today which he con-

The temple of religion is filled with those who are in it for what they can make out of

The most sacred sentiments of the human heart are prostituted for gain.

We have made money getting our all-in-all, and have thus lost sight of the sweet, the beautiful and the elevating things of life. We have put our pleasures, our lives,

everything down on a coarse material plane and we hardly know what high and noble thinking and real love for mankind mean. Our nation was instituted by pure-minded patriots to bring democracy and liberty into

the world. To-day the temple of our government is filled with a den of thieves; men who pretend patriotism to advance their personal interests. They are turning the nation from its high

and lofty purpose, and are striving to make it the engine of oppression, of robbery and of conquest.

O, for a Christ, who, with a whip of plaited cords, would drive the money-changers out of

The oil of Christianity and the water of Mammonism will not mix. The wolves in sheeps' clothing who are in

the church are worse enemies than all of its outside foes. They use its holy name to shield them in

The temple of God needs another renova

tion The money-changers have again invaded its sacred precincts. I am not condemning the church. I want

to become the great engine for regenerating and uplifting the world. I believe that it But just now it has come too much will. under the domination of the Mammon worshippers.

The great battle between Christianity and paganism was not fought in Rome at the time of Constantine. 'It is yet to be fought. The eyes of the world still are turned

toward Caesar and not toward Christ. The multitudes are still in the wilderness

and are yet bowing before the golden calf. The past century has seen the most marvelous material development that the ages have ever witnessed.

But it has been a material development. Spiritually, men are searcely farther advanced than they were 100 years ago. What the world needs is that the next cen-

tury shall see as vast spiritual strides as the one past has seen material strides. What the world needs is prophets and

truth-tellers, who will fearlessly give forth the highest and best that is in them. What the world needs is that the wolves

of greed shall be driven from the sheepfold of humanity.
What the world needs is Christ-for his

spirit again to cleanse the temple.-J. A. Edgerton in Denver News.

American Notes.

War revenue is not to be taken off for at least a year.

Connecticut is falling into line for a state edition to the APPEAL.

Frank Lafferty was elected a member of the land will get her money back from the war in city council at Muncie, Ind., as the working-

> The Forward Movement Herald is a new weekly at Los Angeles, an enlargement of the Forward Movement Bulletin. It demands direct legislation and public ownership.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat warns its readers that the statement that Debs will poll this present barbarous system to one that in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 votes is will be Christian and fraternal. Under the not to be taken as a joke under any circum.

> While the increased attention given to socialism in the labor papers has been noticeable all along during the last three years, it has been especially prominent since the first of this year.

Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, recently bought a New York plant into which they at once introduced their Chicago methods, by which wages were reduced one-half. The men are out on a strike in all three of Swift's packing houses in New York as a consequence.

New S. D. P. branches have been organzed at Chicago, Kansas City (2), Louisville, Ky., Phoenix, Ariz., Quincy Point, Dedham, Lowell and East Braintree, Mass., Bunting-ville and North Ontario, Cala., Black Lick, Pa., Bayard, Kan., Saginaw, Mich., Evansville. Ind. and Muscatine. Iowa.

Cheers for socialism were a feature of the labor parade in New York May Day. Thirty. five thousand wage-workers took part in the parade, and the demonstration is said to have been the greatest ever held in New York. The New York Journal's report of the meet-Commercialism and love of humanity do ing says that "speechmaking and resolutions not go together. They never did and never advised remedies through independent politand ander the banner of the United So-The meeting lasted until af-

> ation has started in Utah for a for to get ahead of the smelter

trusts are driving the people of this country to the experiment of public ownership. The trust is the great exponent of socialism It may force people to seek safety in public ownership. It is making it almost impossi. ble for them to live and do business except in the name of the state or municipality Within less than a decade this will be one of the most important issues before the people of this country. It is well to study it care. fully as events lead up to the coming conflict.

"The socialistic movement is getting ready" to sweep this country," says the Forward Movement Herald. Thirty years ago you could not get an article on the labor movement in any newspaper or magazine, unless indeed, there was a strike or something of that sort. Now you cannot take up any of the leading newspapers or magazines without finding them full of it; editors eat, drink and sleep on it. Twenty years ago you could not get an article with socialist ideas in any leading newspaper or magazine. Last November five of the leading magazines of this country had articles containing the strongest socialis tic thought of the day." William A. Spalding was fired from the

general management of the Los Angeles. Cala., Herald because he expressed himself like this: Under a policy of favoritism in tariffs and subsidies, corporations, trusts and monopolies have grown up which are appropriating all the means of industry and concentrating billions of dollars of capital in the hands of a greedy few. The tendencies of the present system are to break down and destroy the middle classes, and to bring the laboring classes into the most abject servitude. A moneyed oligarcy is already estab. lished which threatens to be more cruel, more selfish, more tyrannous than the African slavery in its worst period. I believe that there is no escape from these existing and threatened evils, except a radical overturn. ing and complete reconstruction of our in. dustrial system. Such reforms can only be effected by a change, first, to a more demo. cratic form of government and then the gradual adoption of socialistic methods. The American people cannot continue happy and prosperous under private monopoly; and the only alternative that I can see is public own. ship of public utilities and the co-operative control of the means of production and distribution. I believe that if the American people would escape the mischief that threatens them they must take advantage of the political power still in their hands and displace the oligarcy which is overriding the fundamental principles of our federation and destroying the republic. I believe that, in

the forthcoming presidential election, the American people will find their last opportunity to accomplish this reform by peaceful, constitutional methods. I believe that if the republic of the United States cannot be saved from the threatened encroachment of imperialism, the cause of civil liberty throughout the world must go down." He has taken up the work in Kansas City.

FOREIGN ITEMS

Paris clerks have formed a union, taking n men and women, to reduce hours and secure other rights.

Berlin trades -unions have built a labor temple which gives a large hall and office rooms for the various unions.

In the jam factories of Melbourne girls work in acid that makes their hands bleed. They are paid by piece work and at the best can earn \$3.50 a week.

Among the messages left by the Boers and found by the British soldiers at Colesburg was this: "Poor Tommies, we feel sorry for you as a Christian nation, as we are perfectly sure you are fighting an unjust war for the sake of the confounded money-grabbing capitalists.

"Judging from the number of letters I've received it seems as though nearly all the readers of the Clarion want to go to New Zealand," says William Ranstead in his de-partment of New Zealand notes in the Clarion. A party of young men is already made up to go to New Zealand in Angust.

In England 144,026 children, under 14 years work from 72 to 87 hours a week. In London alone 55,000 who do attend school study in an underfed condition. Yet an English socialist paper has the temerity to say that "this problem of starving children is one of far more moment to civilization than any that the Boer republics have yet presented to us for solution.

THE FARM CONTEST

In the sixth contest many of the hustlers forgot that there was a ten-acre farm in the famous fruit belt of Arkansas waiting for the winner while the nine succeeding contestants would be remembered with selections of books suitable to start circulating libraries in their home cities. The fifth contest had been a 30 day one and confined to individuals. Comrade Hubbard Ellison, St. Thomas, Ont., cleared the track with 62 yearlies. The fourth contest was won by a combine and C. C. Ford, Los Angeles, Cal., came in with 364.

The sixth just closed has brought in scores of new workers for the cause, many of whom were not seeking even one of the nine selec-tions of books. The winner of the farm is Commenting on this plan the Salt Comrade E. S. Osgood, Los Angeles, Cal., erald says: "The constitution recog- whose record equalled 406 three months subacred emotions for commercial ends.

nizes the principles of public ownership in scriptions, the basis of the count. Comrade.

The fakir who traffice in men's hopes of declaring that the right of the state shall not C. F. Bechtold, Cincinnati, followed a class. be abridged to prevent the legislature from taking the propers and franchises of incorporated companies and subjecting them to public use. If the state may do this it may likewise create such property any such enterprises for its own use and benefit. Thuse