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WARD DEMANDS MORE VICTIMS.

The self-seeking cowards who dictate the policy of the Republican administration find that the bloody work of establishing their tyranny in the Philippines does not progress rapidly enough.

Washington, February 18th.—President McKinley wants a standing army of 150,000 men. He has just been authorized to increase the army to 100,000.

Liberty Under Socialism.

Last week we promised to review further the attack of Bishop Montgomery on Socialism.

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First. The freedom of demand. The Bishop assumes that a person could not get what he needed, or thought he needed.

Second, a determinate and convenient unit of value for purposes of exchange. Socialism does offer it, if nothing else.

Third, freedom of the individual to choose an occupation and to quit it at will.

Socialism is the public ownership and co-operative use of all the means of producing and distributing wealth.

Third, the freedom of choice of occupation. We would like to inquire how many exercise such freedom today?

Socialism, on the contrary, assures every child of education which shall give the recipient a contentment in life and enable him or her to choose wisely.

When the government can obtain the labor it needs without resorting to dictatorial assignments?

As to the final assertion, that an all-prevailing and tyrannical bureaucracy would be the inevitable and awful result, we shall now answer only briefly.

To begin with, a certain amount of goods must be produced to supply the necessities of the people.

Anything for a time—anything to create a diversion. The committees of the capitalistic class play their parts well.

STOPS AT NO CRIME.

The following clipping is made to prove that the present is the best possible of all systems—develops individuality and that enterprise necessary to commercial progress.

Something More About Unity.

We are in receipt of a set of resolutions from Waterbury, urging unity. Some of the resolutions are of excellent quality.

carries with it all the terrible propositions he so boldly attacks. He contents himself with merely asserting that these include immorality and tyranny.

ARE THERE CLASSES.

The following two telegrams depict vividly the social contrasts of our time and land.

Buenos Aires, February 16th.—After the arrival of a freight train at the railroad depot about three o'clock this morning an unknown man who was being held by the conductor of the train for breaking into a car.

The Possibilities for Education in S. F.

At least two hundred children in the restricted area of one school district of San Francisco have been turned away from the public schools in that district because there are no accommodations for them.

There is a charming prospect, surely. In a municipality where the rich are so common they engender a certain contempt, children of school age are compelled to remain unlearned.

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Industrial Arena

By JOSE J. NIKEL

My duties have so multiplied in the labor movement of late that I find I must sacrifice my post as associate editor of "Advance."

The Union bakery has decided to issue the Union label to be put on every loaf of bread baked in a union shop.

There is rushing; there is rushing; there is rushing; there is the sweat of men; but, nevertheless, the bread is fit for the eating.

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low pretensions of certain daily papers, and when you have you will find you won't the victory yourselves because you had organization, co-operation, and solidarity as a watchword.

The yolk struck by the millmen of San Francisco will be felt by many capitalists before the century is much older. There is a continual yearning for greater freedom by the working class. That yearning finds expression in strikes, etc.

There is really no other class to consider. By the time the workers have learned their lesson by heart, by the time the yearning for greater freedom finds concrete expression, there will be only one class left in the world.

But meantime, side by side with the idea of greater freedom for the workers, has grown up a determination to suppress that freedom by the possessors of the special privilege. This determination finds expression in anti-labor bills, government by injunction, and in pulvisory arbitration.

Reduced to the simple terms of the arbitration tribunal would be composed largely, if not entirely, of members of the capitalist class, and decisions would be rendered according to the interests of that class.

Whatever factory or class is in control will always make laws, establish courts, appoint arbitration tribunals for the benefit of its members. Now, working-men are not members of the class that is in control in this year of grace.

In connection with the label agitation now going on the following story may be pertinent. It might be called—

THE FABLE OF THE MAN WITH FROID PIED.

Once upon a time there was a Sympathizer with the Workers who wanted a pair of Socks. He knew the Wage-Slaves of the world were numbered among the Wise People. An Organizer of Good Standing in Labor Circles Flagged them at the Post and started them off in a Bunch with Union cards in their Pockets.

The Sympathizer also knew that the Retail Set were no Mummies. The Emporiums flashed cards with the Pass Word of the Union in Large Letters, and a hint to select your Clerk. Let it be noted that he obeyed after 6 p. m.

"Wait on the others; they were here first." "But," said the clerk, "I stage whisper, 'that's a drummer and the three proprietors.'"

The Proprietors laughed and one of them slapped him on the shoulder. Encouraged by the success of Number One (1) on his list of Good Things that Really Happened, he ventured on Number Two (2), preparatory to pumping up the Hot Air that would melt the Visible Returns.

The Sympathizer laughed with the others. In fact, to show his good nature, he laughed louder than any of them. They looked at him. He smiled. They looked at him again. He began to feel embarrassed and then he called the Clerk.

"I want socks," he said. The clerk brought them. "Have you none with the label?" he said, in a whis-per.

"No," answered the clerk, in a voice that suggested a dealer in state secrets, it was so low.

G. D. V. P., Dixon, Cal.: The best way to organize a union is to get a list of names of those you wish to join and set a time for meeting when the list is complete. Then have an organizer from the city or elsewhere come up and address you.

Correspondence

Resolutions of Sympathy. Headquarters Local Los Angeles S. D. P., 127 N. Main St., Feb. 16, 1901.

To ADVANCE: I have been instructed to send you the following: "Resolved, That we, the members of Local Los Angeles, Socialist Democratic Party, join with all other militant Socialists in mourning the death of our Comrade Chris Nuss of the Socialist Labor Party, and pledge ourselves anew to the work of emancipation, in which he was so earnestly engaged; and,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread over the minutes of the Local, a copy sent to the organization of which he was a member, and also to ADVANCE and "People."

A Letter from the San Jose Prison. City Prison, San Jose, Feb. 18, 1901.

To the Editor of ADVANCE: This day completes my twenty-sixth day in my present residence. During the time that I have spent here I occupied my mind with studying Buckle's "History of English Civilization."

The freedom of the press and the right of assembling in meeting for the purpose of public discussion are two of the most important of all our institutions. As long as they are preserved intact, as long as they are frequently and fearlessly employed, there will always be ample protection against those encroachments on the part of the government, which cannot be too zealously watched, and to which even the freest country is liable.

By encouraging political discussion they increase the amount of intellect brought to bear on the political business of the country. They also increase the total strength of the nation by causing large classes of men to exercise faculties which would otherwise be dormant, and which, by these means, are quickened into activity and become available for other purposes of social interest.

"It is necessary that men should learn to doubt men—should learn to doubt before they begin to tolerate—and that they should recognize the fallibility of their own opinions before they respect the opinions of their opponents."

"The intimate connection between scientific progress and social rebellion is evident from the fact that both are suggested by the same yearning after improvement, the same dissatisfaction with what has been previously done, the same restless, prying, insubordinate and audacious spirit."

Ignorant men are mischievous in proportion to their sincerity. Fraternally, "NO. 5"

CALIFORNIA ITEMS. Fortuna Local has started a debating society with good results. The attendance is large.

The Free Reading Room recently opened by Riverside Local, S. D. P., is well patronized. A good selection of literature is kept on file and more will be added.

Comrade J. J. O'Brien, who, about five weeks ago was arrested and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail, for the crime of speaking on the corner of First and Santa Clara streets, will have served his term and be released Friday of this week. He will lecture at the propaganda meeting in San Jose on Sunday evening, the 24th.

Labor and Politics.

General Federation of Trade Unions.

According to the sixth quarterly report of the General Federation of Trade Unions, just issued, 64 societies are now affiliated with an aggregate membership of 386,000. The income during the quarter has been \$7,28 28 8d and the expenditure £920 17s 7d. The latter includes £743 paid in dispute benefit, of which the Gasworkers received 436 15s 0d and the Engineers £160 15s 0d; the management expenses were £177 17s 7d. The balance at the credit of the society amounts to £34,958 14s 11d.

The L. C. C. and Its Public House Licenses.

At the sitting of the London County Council on Tuesday afternoon, one of the chief points to be decided was what should be done with the thirty-four licenses which have come into its possessions in connection with the new street from Holborn to the Strand. The Public House Trust, Limited, had made application that twelve of the licenses should be transferred to the Public House and under the control of the People's Refreshment House Association in various parts of the country.

The King.

I have nothing, good, bad or indifferent, to say about King Edward VII personally, and shall not endeavor to conjure up something, but the passing of the Queen and the accession of His Majesty is bound to exercise a very powerful effect upon the social and political conditions of the next few years.

With the coming of the King, however, things are put on an entirely different footing. The King is not a tradition; he is not an emblem; he is not a mythological being. The question of his fitness was not satisfactorily settled by a previous generation. He is a King on trial today. The personal loyalty and devotion to him as a man is entirely absent.

Already there are indications of a change. I have it on the best authority that, had it not been for the fact that the Queen was lying unburied at Osborne, the vote of congratulation to the King, passed by the monarchial Parliament in session last week, would have been challenged by an amendment proposing that advantage had not been taken of the opportunity to declare the monarchy an anachronism.

What are the advantages or disadvantages of a Republican form of government as compared with the monarchial one. I am not discussing. What I am pointing out is that "the fierce light which beats upon a throne" has been practically extinguished during the last thirty years and now it is going to burn again.

The Miners' Ballot.

At the present time the Executive of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain is taking a ballot on the question of levying their members' six pence each per year for a fund to defray the election expenses and maintenance of Parliamentary candidates. There is considerable probability of the proposal being carried and in that event a wonderful change will come over English politics.

Parliament from the public funds would constitute a threat; and so on. The miners would demand nationalization of the mines, and probably other trades would concur; railway men would put forward nationalization of the railways with the same result; the textile, engineering and other industries would place their particular requirements on the program, probably without dissent. The net result would be a strongly united platform having Social Reform of a collectivist nature for its basis.

English Blacklegs at Antwerp.

When Englishmen go on a strike they are told that they are ruining the country and handing the trade over to foreign competitors. When continental workers strike English competition is held as a dire threat over them.

As it was thought impossible to get labor at Antwerp, owing to the strike, these men were taken on board the "Swedish Prince" (of the "Prince" line) that port, there to load the vessel. They signed a contract to work nine hours a day at six shillings per diem, with one shilling an hour overtime. On the fifth day, however, the thirty struck, complaining of cold and bad accommodation, and Belgians had to be engaged.

The case of the men was that they had signed in such a hurry none of them had an opportunity of reading the agreement. Moreover, they slept on the open, wet deck, and since their return home some had been in the hospital; one was still there.

The magistrate, observing that the defendants were justified in refusing to work, dismissed the summonses, and allowed the men five shillings each.

Portsmouth Telephones.

The Portsmouth Town Council is considering the question of establishing a municipal service of tele-phones, with the result that the National Telephone Company has taken the alarm and has initiated strong opposition, even going so far as to send out reply post cards to all the electors, asking them to sign a protest against municipal telephones.

We are in receipt of several communications which from the headlines might be thought considerations of the unity problem, but are in reality personal attacks upon Eugene V. Debs and other prominent party comrades. We refuse to give such articles space in this paper.

We are not omniscient. The actions of men arise from causes about which we may know nothing. There is a lot of reason in all of us, and till a man has been proven absolutely dishonest and incapable of reasoning, we refuse to hold him up to the scorn of his fellow-men. Even the absence of the reasoning faculty is no great crime, and the man so handicapped by fate will soon drop to his proper level in our ranks.

Sheffield Housing Association.

This association, which was established thirteen years ago, took up the work of agitating for sanitary reform and the better housing of the poor. At the commencement of its labors it found that the corporation paid practically no attention to the sanitary condition of the houses. All that it seemed to care about was the drainage of the city.

The Equal Suffrage Association and the Trades Council of Saginaw, Mich., held a joint public meeting and discussed the question: "How are trade unionism and kindred reforms related to equal rights and privileges for women?"

There is considerable probability of the proposal being carried and in that event a wonderful change will come over English politics. The effect will be far-reaching and will involve greater changes in our social and political relations than many people imagine.

NATIONAL OFFICIAL

National Executive Committee

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Beer Bottlers.

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Socialist Debating Club.

On Sunday there was another overflow meeting in Pythian Castle to hear the debate between the anarchists and the socialists...

REVIEWS

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