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# GO AND EAT GRASS

By Ben Hanford

"Go And Eat Grass!"  
"If the people have no bread, why don't they eat grass?"  
So says the National Convention of the Republican Party to the more than five million of unemployed men in the United States. What sweet consolation to them and the twenty millions of people dependent on them.

We are a prosperous people, declared the leaders of the convention. We have wealth to the value of \$110,000,000,000, more than one-quarter of all the wealth on earth.

We make more than one-third of the world's modern manufactured products.

The Republican Convention was opened each day with prayer, and by a different clergyman—but there is no evidence that it was closed with a benediction.

The delegates considered themselves "the people," and therefore they could truly say "the people" were prosperous. It was a convention of lawyers, office holders and millionaires. Why should Senator Burrows be prosperous? For thirty years he has drawn pay from a City, County, State or National Treasury. Why should Senator Lodge be prosperous? He graduated from Harvard Law School thirty-three years ago, and has been fed at the public crib for twenty-five of the years since past. These worthies fear lest Socialism would "have the Nation over the people."

It was worth while to look at the delegates, also their women folk. The noticeable things about the latter were their grossness, stolidity, fatness and dullness. The next thing to be noticed about the women was their clothes—or the lack of them. The men were not nearly so gross and vulgar looking as the women. Even in politics most leading active lives, even if they are wealthy, and the result is that most of them keep the fat well worked off. But how cruel they looked. A glance at these Republican delegates showed that they were individualists indeed. They belonged to the species of the birds and beasts of prey—ruthless, and jackal, and wolf, and tiger. These are the real individualists—the men who win by tooth and claw. And just as the great beasts of prey are dissembling, so in due time—not far distant—shall these men and women of prey disappear likewise.

Of the country's \$110,000,000,000 of wealth, the people who attended the Republican Convention had their full share—and in addition they had more. They had the share of those five millions of jobless men. Why should they not declare their "confidence in the plenty and prosperity of the Nation?"

Why should they not "hall with confidence the signs now manifest of a complete restoration of business prosperity?" They had plenty. They were prosperous.

Why should they not, after a column of fulsome laudation of Roosevelt and the Republican party, very modestly declare their "gratitude for God's bounty"—particularly as it cost them nothing. Doubtless those delegates would have thought it sacrilegious to have expressed their gratitude to the man whose labor produced that bounty.

The National Convention of the Republican Party has demonstrated that the party's leaders are mad and blind. Old Burrows talked of a "temporary panic" while five millions of despairing men were vainly seeking work for work. He habited of the 4,000,000 of immigrants who had landed on our shores in the last four years. But for months past he has been talking emigration exceeded immigration.

Senator Lodge was eloquent over the traditions of the Grand Old Party, and Burrows drooled out a phrase to the effect that the candidate must have the qualities of a Lincoln and a Grant—then the convention nominated the Tar-burner Bill Tait.

And not one word on the floor of the Republican Convention, and not one word in the Republican Platform about the five millions of men out of work.

And why should there be? If the Republican Party were to be elected to the presidency it would have been done long before the convention. The Republican Party has been in control of all branches of the Federal Government for years. The Republican Party controls the United States Supreme Court—that makes the black law and the boycott unlawful. The Republican Party controls the

United States Senate by a majority of 28 out of 51 members. The Republican Party controls the United States House of Representatives by a majority of 56 out of 391 members. The Republican Party controls all the executive, legislative, judicial branches of the Federal Government. For years the Republican Party has had power, and it must not be allowed to check responsibility. It should be held no less responsible for the decisions of a Republican Supreme Court than for the acts of a Republican President and the laws of a Republican Congress.

And this Republican Party, without a single decent attribute except a name stolen from the graves of its dead—this Republican Party had the power before Congress adjourned to provide productive and remunerative employment for every idle man in the United States. But it did not do one thing for the relief of the man out of work. And when Congress adjourned its members came to Chicago and in convention assembled told the millions of hungry people in the United States that they own \$110,000,000,000 worth of property to "GO AND EAT GRASS!"

Every unemployed man, every hungry man, every man who is threatened with reduced wages, every man who is in danger of losing his job, every man who is clearly how the carrying out of that proposition of the Socialist Party.

## ANARCHISM

By GUSTAV BANG  
Translated from the Danish in "Social Demokraten" by Arthur Jensen

### III. LATER ANARCHIST DOCTRINES. BAKUNIN AND KROPOTKIN.

In the last article an endeavor was made to present Proudhon's economic theory in as far as it is at all contradictory assertions and thoughts, which he in his many years of activity as an author, has given expression to. This mental uncertainty is not accidental, being a typical representative of the bourgeoisie, he entirely lacks firm foothold in the development of Capitalist society, is drawn from one side to the other, governed by constantly varying emotions and swings from honest radicalism to extreme reaction. Proudhon's words have their historical value, not as a means to a clearer and more exact knowledge of the laws of social development, but as the basis of later anarchist doctrines.

These doctrines are manifold and extremely varied. The lack of regularity and law, which the Anarchists demand introduced into society, they also practice in their teachings. Each one of their philosophers has his peculiar view of both aim and means, and within each particular school, a multitude of various offshoots is found.

However, they all aim at the breaking up of prevalent forms of society, the abolition of present institutions and the raising of the old social order, without any planned efforts towards bringing into being anything positively new—under Anarchy human nature will find the best solutions of questions arising in the new form of society.

They also all agree on their rejection of and contempt for the tactics employed by the Social Democracy, such as the exercise of the right of suffrage and the industrial and political struggle for various reforms, which will lead to the overthrow of the proletariat and enable it to ultimately strike the decisive blow against the ruling class—Anarchism will strike the great blow momentarily, without transition, as the masses gained over by the influence of the proletariat and the state will rise and overthrow the ruling powers in society.

His Anarchism has a strong political color; he aims his attacks first of all at the state. The state always signifies oppression and injustice; even the apparently most democratic state is despotic, letting the majority tyrannize the minority and the rich and cunning oppress the poor and ignorant. The state in every form must be abolished, before true freedom can prevail. When the state disappears, the right to hold property also disappears, there being no longer any power to guard its inviolability. A new, happier and more just society will then come into being, by virtue of the feeling of that solidarity, which everybody possesses, making it impossible for anyone to enjoy liberty as long as he knows that there are others who are not free.

This feeling of solidarity, this human brotherly love, will under Anarchy be the law which shall govern all conduct.

Free groups of individuals will combine in order to cooperate wholly. Everybody will be free to do whatever he chooses, and the various groups may form federations of a more or less loose character.

But everything will be done under absolute personal freedom; any one will be able to join or leave whichever group he sees fit, no one will have any right to prevent anybody from doing whatever he pleases, or force him to do anything contrary to his will.

At the close of the 60's and in the beginning of the 70's, Bakunin, with an enormous agitating power, attempted to spread his ideas—and with great success. It was just at the time when the "free play of individual forces" had begun to stir. Labor parties were formed in various countries, and the "International" was the center from which new impulses constantly went out to the proletariat.

It asks every jobless man in the United States to note the difference between the Republican Party and the Socialist Party in the way they look at the problem of the unemployed. The National Platform of the Socialist Party contains the following plank: "1.—The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforming of care over and waste lands, and by reclamation of arid tracts, and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such work shall be employed directly by the government under an eight hour work day and at the prevailing union wages. The government shall also loan money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organizations for the purpose of assisting their unemployed members, and shall take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the miracle of the capitalist class."

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Now's the time to get subscribers to "The Socialist" for the campaign, June 1st to December 31st is just months. Any worker who reads this copy paper from June 1st to November 1st, is warranted, to vote for Debs and Hanford.

But young as the movement yet was, it was also imbued in its very elements of bourgeois thought were still haunting men's minds; the masses of workers were not as yet fully conscious of their transition from the old system of handicraft to the modern system of organized industry.

There was therefore a rich soil for such petty bourgeois geographical thought as, that expressed in the Anarchism of Bakunin. Bakunin was successful in gathering a considerable following, especially among the workmen of the textile countries, and opened then a sharp conflict with the Socialist wing, which mainly stood under the influence of Karl Marx—a conflict, in which he shunned no means, regardless of their nature. These skirmishes led to the dissolution and complete extinction of the "International" before the middle of the '70's.

It was not so much the actual difference between the Socialist and the anarchist interpretation of society, that caused this dissolution—the "International" stood for the consolidation and strengthening of the workers in the proletarian class war, regardless of their political or economic ideas—but aside from Bakunin's personal influence, it was first of all the difference in tactics.

While the Socialist wing aimed to organize the workers for the political struggle, by encouraging them to exploit those political rights which they already possessed, and to strive for the seizure of new additional rights, so that the existing society, they could work to bring about the new order, the Anarchist wing tried to utterly blacken and render suspicious this tendency.

The elective franchise was immoral and self-destructive, a trap against the masses of the people! For the great mass would constantly remain oppressed and ignorant, any victims of speculations of heartless tyrants; any one casting his vote at an election of legislators would thereby sanction the existence of the state, the deadly enemy of liberty, which should be annihilated. The only means to progress was the taking of the law by the people into their own hands, open rebellion with steel, lead and fire weapons, together with the application of every measure possible, which would tend to terrorize the enemy and strike him with fear.

Through the activity of Bakunin in the "International," the Anarchist tactics developed into its now prevalent form, a program against the state, and a complete and widely extended Anarchist movement in many countries, especially in France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Russia.

Among those, who during recent decades, have exercised the greatest influence on the Anarchist movement, Kropotkin is the one whose doctrine predominates. It is a further development of the ideas his countryman Bakunin gave expression to.

His Anarchism announces the elimination of the existing forms of the state as the only condition for the birth of the ideal society; once the state with all its institutions is overthrown, mankind with automatic exactness will find the best, and most adequate means, by which to arrange their mutual economic intercourse.

Kropotkin has a firm belief in the perfection of human nature, the only question with him is to break the bonds now hindering its free development; "let the people have free elbow room and in the course of a week the supply of the necessities of life will go with wonderful regularity!"

The single individuals will have no duties, any one may work as short or as long a time as he pleases at whatever profession or trade he chooses, and any one can take from the common storehouses all the necessities and luxuries he desires, without offering anything in return.

Driven by an inner moral force, every one will seek to his best ability to make himself as useful as possible for everybody else.

When Kropotkin, however, attempts to further characterize this future society, which he imagines will be brought about by the free play of individual forces, he does it in a somewhat different form than the majority of the earlier Anarchists. The social development of the 60-70 years, gone by since Proudhon's essays were first published, has made its impression on the Anarchist

## DEFY SOCIALIST PARTY

The Mills-Hutchison follows in the State of Washington are paying no attention to the decision of the National Socialist Convention. They are organizing a "Social Democratic Party" to oppose the Socialist Party. They have elected J. C. Conahan, secretary and claim 600 members, 223 of them in Snohomish.

So now in the State of Washington we have three political organizations, claiming to be Socialist, the Independent Socialist Labor Party, the Opportunist Socialist Democratic Party and the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

Now let the best win. We revolutionaries are perfectly content with the situation. Nothing kills a party so quick as disagreement in its membership on questions of tactics or fundamental principles. These Opportunists practiced military fusion tactics in Victoria. They rejected the proletarian basis of the Socialist Party. We don't deny their sincerity in both these positions. We only say these tactics and these principles are fatal to the Socialist Party, in a word, are

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To charge that Socialism would destroy Property would mean something. It is an old charge against Socialism. To part of it, the Socialists would destroy Wealth, nor Socialism would destroy Property. Property means Wealth Owned. It is Wealth held by legal right. It is that possession of the means which Society sanctions and defends. A barrel of flour or a coat or a ton of coal or a locomotive or a five dollar gold piece is Wealth, even if nobody claims it. It becomes property when you establish your ownership of it to the satisfaction of the courts.

So, Socialism does not propose to destroy one kind of Property, that is, to destroy that which makes it Property, namely the Ownership, the legal right to it, the power to hold it. Socialism does not propose to destroy the Wealth of which that Property is physically composed. That would be absurd. We will not destroy a four mill roll or a cotton factory nor a coal mine nor a smelter, but we will destroy the Property right in these instruments of producing Wealth.

This is what Socialism aims to do, to destroy that kind of Property which is known as Capital. If the Republican Platform had charged that Socialism would destroy Capital, we would plead guilty without qualification. That is exactly what Socialism intends to do.

But let us not jump to the conclusion that Socialism would destroy a single material object owned by any other Wealth. No. What we will destroy is that quality of Wealth, that social function of Wealth, that Property right to Wealth, that command and power over Wealth, which transforms simple Wealth into Tyrannical Capital. We will make Wealth into Wealth and prevent its becoming Capital. Socialism alone will create Wealth, Socialism alone will retain Wealth.

Let us be plain. For this distinction between Wealth as Wealth and Wealth as Capital lies at the very foundation of Socialism. Without this distinction, there could be no Socialism.

World Socialism destroy Mr. Rockefeller's Property? Not a single oil well or tank or delivery wagon. What would it destroy? Mr. Rockefeller's Property? Not a single Standard Oil Plant for the purpose of exploiting his employees, that is 'is use of his Wealth as Capital.

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ideal society. Yet the train of reasoning of the petty bourgeois still remains as the foundation of the Anarchist interpretation, but even his mode of reasoning is gradually being influenced by economic progress, by the mighty advance of organized industry and modern forms of production and by superior results arrived at through this advance; he begins to realize that he stands face to face with a social current impossible to turn back or even to stay, and that he can save himself only by moving the current to a certain extent and seeking to take the advantage offered by it.

Just as the middle class gradually abandons the idea of maintaining the absolute isolated small enterprises that are the basis of the old mode of production, and in its place lays stress on a certain common course of action—joint purchases, co-operative workshops and stores, etc.—just as the ephemeral politics carried out by the petty bourgeois are being remodelled, so the social ideal created in the form of Anarchism are being remodelled.

FROM PROUDHON TO KROPOTKIN.

Proudhon fancied the absolute disintegration of so-called individualism, the single individuals, completely independent of one another; the exchange of commodities would be the only economic tie between man and man within society; he conceived of co-operation in production only as an occasional exception, an emergency, when possible to go ahead in any other way, such as in construction of railroads, canals and the like.

Bakunin sees this picture less plainly, individual and collective enterprise here mingle together, making it impossible to distinguish where one form of production ends and the other begins.

Kropotkin, on the other hand, emphasizes with great force that co-operation is the normal form of production with the highly-developed labor-saving, and profitable machinery of the present day; it is the form of production which free men under most circumstances quite naturally will display, and which, when all outward bonds are broken, he approaches thus the Socialist viewpoint of the mode of production under future social conditions, but he is sharply distinguished from it by his terror of conscious, systematic organization and by his religious faith in the unshakable certainty of human instinct, where the question is to organize the gigantic organism of production.

On still another point Kropotkin marks a step in advance of the earlier Proudhon's Anarchism. He abandons all ideas of the commodity-exchange which in the eyes of Proudhon was the particular axis around which all economic life in an Anarchist form of society should revolve. He regards with suspicion as the production of things for the immediate consumption of society, in a purely communistic spirit; but here he is again sharply distinguished from the Socialist interpretation by his contempt for all systematic organization; let everyone take from the common store what he chooses, and bring back what he chooses, and everything will be in the most beautiful order!

STILL BOURGEOIS AND UTOPIAN.

In spite of the transformation which Anarchism has thus passed through, the spirit of the petty bourgeois still dominates it as it has done from the very outset. It is not the proletarian viewpoint which is gradually being approached; it is the utopia of the petty bourgeois influence, and the common sense of the petty bourgeois, and not the expression of the revolutionary class interests of the working class but that of the reactionary class interests of the middle class.

The shopkeeper's property right is still the individual control of the tools of whatever he produces, and in harmony with Anarchist thought, for humanity thus attains the economic independence in question.

When the Anarchists dream of a society to be brought about by the complete, planned destruction of all existing social conditions, it is in fact not a future society—they only aim to revive the conditions of the days of pre-capitalist handicraft in a purified and glorified form. When the Anarchists appear most revolutionary, they are in their innermost nature deeply reactionary; they do not wish to hasten historical development, but instead aim to turn it back.

In the next article a brief-analysis of the peculiar tactics developed by Anarchism, generally known as "the propaganda by the deed," will be given.

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Local Business Meetings held in Party Headquarters Thursday at 8 p. m.

Membership Committee meets in Party Headquarters on Thursday at 8 p. m.

Executive committee meets at headquarters Monday, 8 p. m.

Women's Educational Club meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Holyoke Building, Entrance at Rear Frederick & Melrose, on Spruce St.

Fellow Propaganda Club meets first and third Sunday afternoons in each month at Socialist Headquarters.

Scandinavian Propaganda Club meets every Tuesday evening at Local Headquarters.

We are still negotiating for a hall in which to hold our Sunday night Propaganda meetings. Carpenter's Hall is under consideration and for several years had a flourishing Finnish Local but until last winter the activity among all other nationalities has been about nil. Now we have a Polish Propaganda Club, a Lithuanian Organization and a Scandinavian Propaganda Club and next Sunday Comrade Peluso will assist in organizing an Italian branch of the Socialist Party.

An entirely novel feature will be given at the Monster Picnic in Maple Grove Park, Renton Junction, July Fourth. Swedish nationalities in costumes will be given by four Swedish couples. The performers at these dances are well known in the east and have danced at many memorable occasions, especially in Chicago and surrounding large cities, where they demand a high salary. There will be two performances of four dances each, in the morning and one in the evening.

An initiative petition is being drawn up for the purpose of initiating a referendum for the abolition of the kangaroo as an institution. About three thousand signatures are needed before the question can come before the voters.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the semi-annual election of Local Seattle held last Thursday night the following officers and committees were elected to take office July 1:

Secretary—Arthur Jensen.

Treasurer—M. H. J. De Crane.

Literature Agent—Melvin Engolf.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Fiest, John Downie, Hermann Kubaski, M. H. J. De Crane and Arthur B. Callahan.

Literature Committee—Melvin Engolf, C. B. H. and Arthur Jensen.

Membership Committee—E. B. Ault, Melvin Engolf and William P. Parks.

Finance Committee—W. G. Moore, J. D. Curtis and Mrs. Park.

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The election of the following committee on Initiative and Referendum, Registration and Ward Organization, Music Committee and a Committee on Discussion.

STATE PICNIC CONTINUED.

Men's Race—First prize, Morgan's Ancient Society; second prize, "United Men's Meeting"; third prize, Engel's Origin of the Family.

Women's Race—First prize, Bobel's Women; second prize, Engol's Origin of the Family; third prize, Rebel of the New South.

Patrol Committee Race—First prize, The Sale of an Appetite; second prize, The Right to Be Laid.

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Watermelon Race—Three prizes to be selected.

Guinness Race—Three prizes to be selected.

Next Evening Contest—Three prizes to be selected later.

PROXY MARRIAGES.

It has long been known that many women were imported to this country after having been married by proxy in Japan to men in this country, for the purpose of using them as prostitutes in the tenderloin. Under this ruling proxy marriages are continued, only as before, the woman is compelled to be remarried under our laws.

Much complaint has been filed at Washington against the scandal of proxy marriages, and last summer the United States really forced an official in this service, to Seattle to investigate. Brown antonized the local inspectors by reporting that the number of these marriages in the restricted district was not considerable as compared with the number of other foreign women. He even said that there were among the prostitutes in the tenderloin more Russian Jewesses than there were Japanese.

The report was intended to seem creditable in the National Capital, but it is simply a gross lie. The tenderloin is indeed cosmopolitan, but by far the largest foreign element is the Japanese. One of the largest of the city houses is exclusively for Japanese women, and the Japanese women are found in considerable numbers in all the city houses. The Japanese greatly exceed any other foreign element, and each shareholder might be held to own "formed agricultural interests."

By this way, "Why a Workman's Vote for Anybody but Debs and Vandor is Thrown Away." Be assured that to inside 300 words gets \$5.00 from "The Socialist." Must be at the office before August 1.

### THE WOMAN

By Bessie Fiest

Local Seattle has elected two women delegates to the state convention. I hope there will be a good percentage of sister comrades from all over the state, for the time is ripe for the most active work among women and this work can best be carried on by the women comrades.

In electing two women delegates, the Society is showing more than they expect. I think there are ten members of the local who are women—about one-tenth of the membership—but fully eighty per cent of the work is done by our most active workers. Just think what a working local we would have if eighty per cent of the men comrades were active!

Of these women, there is but one who is unmarried—all the rest carrying the added burden of the care of their homes and children. The women who are becoming interested in the Women's Socialist Educational Club here are all women who are in earnest and who will make splendid workers when they come into the party.

Comrade Hattie Titus made a very forceful speech on the nomination of Mrs. Steele at Local Seattle's business meeting last Thursday night.

For collection talks and nomination speeches, Mrs. Titus is certainly a winner!

The Young People's Socialist League is going to have some pictures of itself on sale at the picnic, July fourth. These young people are all enthusiastic and it is sure every delegate will want to carry home a picture of this League—the first in the state—to keep for future reference—for at the rate this little organization is growing it will soon be unrecognizable. They are planning to give their first entertainment early in August. Their program will be supplied entirely by the boys and girls of the League without any outside help, and we hope it will meet with all the encouragement possible.

Competition with next Sunday a feature of each meeting will be a speech delivered by one of the members—each one taking his or her turn alphabetically. At first these short speeches will be prepared by the teachers, but as soon as possible these will be dropped, the children preparing their own and delivering them extemporaneously.

We are endeavoring to do everything to make the members of this League self-reliant to enable them to take up the work when they are in a forceful language so that they can take up their share of active propaganda.

In conjunction with the New York state convention to be held July 4th and 5th, a Socialist women's state conference will be held, the representatives being two members from each local or branch. The purpose of this conference is to outline plans for a more energetic activity among women.

I am really coming to believe that there are more "Pseudo-Socialists" among the women than there are among the men. If you listen to the word Socialist at all they will usually either look into it honestly or reject it. But women dearly love a bad and just and Socialist really "the thing" and the way these blessed women "go on" over it is ludicrous!

One woman I overheard on a street car gushed up to a prominent Republican lawyer and said, "Oh, I did enjoy your speech at the High School so much! I said to my friends that you hadn't uttered two sentences before I knew you were a great Socialist! My husband and I are, too, but you know he thinks it much better for him to affiliate himself with one of the old established parties than with a new one—he is much more sure of getting into office and in that way he can advocate his reform!"

Another "friend" said the other day that she had spread of Socialism was really wonderful—wonderful, you met with it everywhere! Why practically all the school teachers were advocating Socialism. Mr. Cooper just made them look into it! And so many of our prominent men were coming out for Socialism. Why, it was just surprising! I don't know what a good thing that "happy-blessed" editor of the "Oregonian" and ever so many!

And the whole trouble is that these women do such a awful lot of "thinging." They are forever talking and always on the wrong track. The thing to do is to get hold of all the women who possibly can and show them the straight and narrow way that leadeth into Scientific Socialism!

### ANTI-JAPANESE STATEMENT.

Adopted at National Socialist Convention.

"We resolutely oppose all immigration which is subsidized and stimulated by the capitalist class and all contract labor immigration, and we support all attempts of the workers to raise their standards of living."

The importation of Japanese laborers for the benefit of that class which is interested in reducing the price of labor, was resumed in earnest last week, when 200 immigrants were received at the quarantine station in Seattle from a single ship. This is the first consignment under the new arrangement.

Following the riot in San Francisco, it was announced that through a temporary arrangement with Japan, and the arrangement between President Roosevelt and officials of the City of San Francisco, immigration from Japan had practically ceased. The Japanese government had agreed to issue no more passports to laborers to the United States and the department of immigration ruled that no citizens of Japan should be admitted without a passport. Stowaways and Japs with passports to British Columbia and Mexico were not allowed to land at this port. It was a mere agreement entered into between officials of two countries.

For some time past Japs have been admitted at this port in increasing numbers, but this fact has escaped the attention of the daily newspapers. On May 27, a new order was received at the immigration offices in this city. This announced that another of these infamously treated had been entered in to, by which the Japanese laborers to whom passports are so issued are to be limited to three classes:

First—Any Japanese who has been in the United States at any previous time.

Second—Any Japanese who is the parent, wife or child of any Japanese in the United States.

Third—Any Japanese who has any special financial interest in the United States.

This agreement has also escaped the attention of the daily press.

The important fact to be noted in connection with the agreement is that Japan is to be the sole judge of whether the Japanese to whom the passport is issued belongs to one of three classes. The Japanese in the first class of admissible immigrants cannot be required to prove, on this side, that he has ever been in the country before.

Under the second clause, the department can not require that the son who is allowed to come to this country on the ground that his father is here shall produce his father. The matter is all settled when Japan decides to issue the passport.

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**FOREIGN NOTES.**

By a vote of 182 to 30 the recent Swedish Socialist Convention held in Stockholm declared for anti-militarism.

The Socialists of Prussia for the first time in history took part in the election of members to the Prussian Diet. The electors are divided into three classes according to their income. Each class controls an equal number of votes. The Socialists have strength. This mode of classifying the electors sometimes leads to strange class divisions. All the members of the Imperial class are very wealthy, and hence all belong to the third class and all the chancellor, Prince Bismarck, belongs to the second class.

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**SOCIALISTS AT WORK.**

(Extracts from a lecture by the Editor of the Socialist organ in Esbjerg, Denmark, upon the Copenhagen meeting.)

Denmark, on the western coast of the North Sea, is a small city of 17,000 inhabitants, the majority of which are wage workers.

The Socialists held 12 of the 19 seats in the city council. Our first act, after having gained control, was to assist the poor and we have managed to make it possible for all poor to avoid public charity.

We then helped the hungry school children by giving them a free noon meal, and the municipal council interior prohibited the appropriation of the necessary means.

We next had the food paid for by the free poor fund and in turn applied for the great relief fund.

Later, however, we formed a private organization, which took charge of the feeding of the school children, and arranged enough for the city council was given permission by the department of the interior to appropriate the required money for this purpose.

We have endeavored to improve the school system, and we now have free and uniform education in all common schools. Children from all social strata sit side by side in these schools, the attendance at the city council is on the decrease, and child labor has almost become a thing of the past in Esbjerg.

All school supplies are free to all children whether their parents are rich or poor and I hope that the time will soon be when the schools will also give the children free clothing.

The number of children studied in the schools have been increased to include English and German, besides lessons in cooking, etc. On the other hand, the teaching of religion has been limited to one hour weekly and the committing of hymns to memory has been prohibited; the same is true about the customary canticles, which is a further development of Luther's doctrine of Moses and Luther, and his catechism are treated as poison, locked up in a chest, the key to which is held by the inspector. Luther and his catechism are treated as poison, locked up in a chest, the key to which is held by the inspector. Luther and his catechism are treated as poison, locked up in a chest, the key to which is held by the inspector.

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