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THE BALLET AND THE PROLETARIAN WOMAN

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Article by Bessy Fiset Asked for by the "Seattle Sunday Times" and Rejected -- Too Proletarian to Suit "Times" -- Might Set Some Wage Workers Thinking

How are the Working Classes going to vote at the November election? This seems to be one of the leading and most interesting questions of the hour.

How far is the partnership of Gompers going to rebound to the benefit of the windbag of the platform? Was Gompers justified in taking this course? Much wind is being dissipated by the windbag at the present time by alleged Socialist leaders (?), as well as by gaseous politicians of the old order.

If we attack ever within our own ranks we are called disrupters and disturbers of that beautiful bird, the sacred plumage called harmony; we are a stigma unto for the association of the respectable comrades of the movement; we are all that is mean and low and vile; we should be knocked on the head and kicked out of the party.

But if we will join in the howl against everyone outside the party; if we will call fair and graceful traitor and traitor at everyone who has not been to the mourners' bench and converted to Socialism, like the hypnotized female of superabundant avodupois at a Free Methodist camp meeting; if we attack everyone in the Labor Union movement who will not bow down adorably at our shrine and pay tribute to our idol; if we pin a button on our coats as big as a soap bowl in a ten-cent restaurant, with a photograph of our latest magazine hero (Willsiehr) who brings Socialism in 1908 upon it; if we talk about the brotherhood of man and humanity like a country parson who has lost his job; if we will cry hurrah every time another millionaire, college professor, preacher or shyster lawyer joins our ranks to lead us into the promised land, then we are safe and sane Socialists; we are of the material of which heroes are made, and all of our comrades will hasten with garlands to deck the brows of the saviors of all humanity.

And we women who are hating to the rescue of the Capitalist class to save them from their slavery.

Is Socialism a metaphysical dream like Christianity? From one end of the country to the other what are called Socialist papers are crying almost unanimously—vote for Socialism. Can Socialism be voted for? Socialism different in the promises made by Socialists, Republicans, Democrats or what not? Are we to erect another idol, paint it red and dance around it like a lot of howling Derivatives?

Are we quick to see the difference in our brother's eye, but damned slow about finding out if it are cockeyed ourselves. We are everlastingly trying to convert someone else, while it would not be a bad habit for us to stop converting a few of our own members to the fact that Socialism means more than a name.

Mystery, mystify everywhere, and the simple, common, every day truths which can be easily explained to anyone left in the background? What is Socialism? Nothing in the world but Unionism turned around and viewed from the opposite side. It is simply for the Wage Workers, men that are paid wages by a boss—it is to elect their own representatives to office in the general government. They must send delegates to the United States, to the United States, or to the Presidency, on just the same basis as they send their delegates to a trades union, or to a national convention, or as they would elect a body to the Presidency of their allied organization in the world.

Yet it is not an easy matter to say that the Socialists themselves today are just as much muddled as are the labor unions, although the tendency is toward a clarification in both the ranks of the Socialists and the Labor Unions. As one gets the mud off its skirts and views the United States today who have studied the Labor Union movement laugh at the silly attempt to unify the different grades and the Labor Union movement; they quickly recognize the fact that they are attempting to unify two antithetical and inharmonious bodies, and yet they will go deliberately and nominate men from these same bodies on their state ticket and call the union man a fool because he will not vote for them.

Who is the fool? Will any man tell me that a man who is not eligible to membership in a trades union is eligible to represent that union in the legislature? Rates? Many of the Socialists are in the United States today in a state of paralysis of account of their non-recognition of the class struggle and their allowing other than actual Wage Workers in their unions.

The painters are becoming disorganized because they let a lot of jet set jugglers contractors, who do not hire men, retain their membership in the unions. The barbers likewise, the cleaners likewise, and all down the line wherever a union has deviated from that class line the least particle, there that union has had its efficiency impaired.

Such is bound in the last analysis to be the cause of lack of efficiency in our own party. The Wage Workers are bound to be suspicious, and they have a right to be suspicious of any party, no matter what name it sails under, when the party points to its holy holes and says: "There is your party; these people represent you; they will see that labor gets the free administration of justice."

The laboring man going to take up your ballot and is going to ask you, Who does this candidate vote for; who pays his wages? You will say, He is an honest laborer but he represents you. And the laborer is going to say, THE HELL HE REPRESENTS YOU. He represents the Wage Workers, and any time it comes up that the Wage Workers to represent Wage Workers, and any time it does not do that it does not fulfill its mission.

But some would say, Would you keep others from joining the Socialist Party? My answer would be, No, not if they recognize these self-evident truths, but if they do not recognize that they must take a back seat and allow the Wage Workers to manage their own affairs, then they are not Socialists, and a party built up of material which will not stand on that rock of a Class Struggle is bound to become the same as any other party, and the Wage Workers will be forced to form their own.

vote for a party. This proposition has been exploited longer than it should have been. How can you have principle apart from men is something I do not understand. That principle may be a child of the air, neither tangible nor ponderable, like a twentieth century preacher's God, but if that principle is not put in practice by men who do not float around in the air, then I cannot grasp that principle.

Now Debs and Hanford are a couple of real flesh and blood articles that I can deal with. The workman who works for wages and passes those men up in crazy with the heat, as crazy as those that go voting for principle. What does the Socialist Party platform mean, what does the Democratic platform mean, or any other party platform mean, except as they are to be interpreted by the men we put in office? Does anyone have any idea that Bryan would stand on anything that he thought would put him in office? Does anyone think that 200-pound mass of guts and crud known from Cincinnati would not accept any platform to get in office? Does anyone think that breaking a promise will make either Bryan or Taft lose any sleep after they are elected?

In here a Socialist in the United States that would not break his oath or his promise or anything else in the interest of his class? I do not think so. Does anyone suppose that the oath or promise of Bryan or Taft will stop them from acting in the interest of their class? Socialism has been an ideal long enough. It is time to bring it down off that shrine and clothe it in flesh and blood. It is not a dream. It is not a picture; it is not a beautiful idea born in the head of an aesthetic minded individual. It does not mean that we are better than somebody else or worse than somebody else. It does not mean that everybody is a fool or a idiot that does not act as we do or act as we do or think as we do or think as we do. It is time to realize that we as human beings are still confined with human limitations as well as everyone else. Let us quit our yawning at everyone that will not dream our dreams, and start to build up a real revolutionary movement.

We are subject to the laws of change as well as all other organizations. The whole history of man is a series of blunders. We have done those things we ought not to have done, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have adopted a platform which is better than Bryan's and worse than Taft's. But what of it? Bryan's platform represents nobody; our platform represents everybody and Taft's platform represents the Capitalist class and their interests. If still we do know that if the Working Class were to elect Debs that what kind of a platform he was elected upon would be of secondary importance. We know that if we were to elect Debs and a majority of Wage Workers to office, that they would start restocking the shelves of the famished inhabitants of the tenement houses before they started to restock the forests.

STREET MEETINGS IN SEATTLE

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All comrades and friends should remember the places (1) Pike St., every day at 1st ave. (2) Washington and Occidental. Three nights a week, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Some good friends of "The Socialist" occasionally feel called upon to advise its editor as to the conduct of the paper. Some think it prints too much of tidbits of general information with a Socialist tinge. Others wish it had less local Socialist news. Some want us to stop printing the names of Socialists and Comrades critically. Others don't like our mildness. We welcome all advice most cheerfully, but we haven't the least intention to follow any of it. "The Socialist" is what it is. Those who want it, want it very bad and those who don't want it, don't have to take it. And there you are.

"The Socialist" does not aim merely to point the way to Socialism, nor merely to make theoretical Socialists, but to make political Socialists, practical Socialists, practical Socialist Party members.

To our advisers, we say, we know now, after eight years' experience, exactly what we are about, exactly what we want. We are not after dollars nor popularity nor even approval. We do intend to jar you loose from the fetters of Capitalist thought and feeling which makes a slave or a fool of you, one or both. If you take and read "The Socialist" faithfully for one year we guarantee you will understand Socialism and love it or understand it and hate it, whichever is best for you.

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Many locals are taking advantage of it. Get yours to try it.

DEBS AHEAD.
In Tacoma one union took a straw ballot on choice for president. Result: Total number of votes cast 100. Debs 50, Bryan 32, Taft 18. This was two weeks after Debs got 15 out of 50 in the Seattle Central Labor Council. As the campaign advances, so does the Socialist vote.

Some time ago I was told that the women who are active in the present "Woman Suffrage" agitation in Seattle were to edit the Magazine section of the Sunday "Times" for August 22nd, and I—was one more than interested in the movement—was asked to contribute an article. Being above all else a "Socialist" I naturally chose as my title "The Proletarian Woman and the Ballet."

The Proletarian Woman and the Ballet? What is this Proletarian woman—the woman of the great letters? Let us see. She has slowly but steadily faded from the earth during the last few years and today stands out a gigantic question which will have to be re-asked.

To put it simply the Proletarian woman is the working woman, the five million women who are today engaged in industry in the United States alone—the millworkers, book-keepers, clerks, factory hands, stenographers, school teachers—and every other woman who has a steady and last but not least that huge phalanx composed of the women of the farm who live in a more dreary and devoid of pleasure than those of the city.

Here is the article which I submitted to the "Times" and which was rejected. I compare it to nothing but a good dose of warm water.

Most awfully mild and harmless but turns you pretty sick when you take it—but such as it is—here goes.

Most emphatically yes! When the Woman's Suffrage movement was first started it was started on the grounds that taxation without representation was tyranny, and that there should be equally equal representation. All very right and proper. At that time the movement was for the woman who belonged to the large and small propertyed class—the great mass of citizens had not been emancipated from its dominant condition, but at least on one hand the condition has changed. Women realize that the woman question is no longer a sex question, but a class question as well. Hundreds of workers are clamoring for the ballot today because they know that they can have no chance for industrial betterment without it. Years ago men and women entered the factory and the mill, and in which the man promised to raise the funds to get the machinery in which he is that universally true today. Not at all. Industrial conditions are such that the woman has had to go into the world to help carry the money to keep the house. Hence, there are now millions of industrial women workers.

For them the use of government as an instrument for the distribution of wealth has become the only way. The working woman stands on the same footing as the man, and she is entitled to the same thing—and is demanding the ballot because she realizes in the only way in which she can acquire political, economic and social emancipation, and even more than that, she is entitled to the womanhood.

The proletarian woman class is the greater than the rest of the same class that between her and her propertyed sister there is a gulf that is not only removed and as benefiting by her industrialism.

Moreover and more the great middle class is being ground between the proletarian and the bourgeoisie. Those who are unable to climb up are being forced to the economic conditions into the ranks of the proletariat, so that this class is continually being reduced to the level of the proletarian class. Now that being the case, it is surely hardly a hardship to give to the proletarian woman from an industrial or middle class standpoint the same franchise that the man has.

Women are finding that some special legislation is necessary to meet the needs of the woman worker who knows no other way and who wouldn't know how to do with a ballot if they had it. Women are finding that the ballot should be used as a means of increasing their own strength and nothing can stem the tide of the downward march.

In England and in parts of America the franchise has been given to the woman. This is the only franchise which means that a woman would have to vote for herself. The woman who has the franchise is not a philanthropic mind we are inclined to give these women the franchise. They can get it or not as they see fit.

They have had a head, demanding equal rights with the man. They are the woman for whose benefit industrial, political and socially the franchise is being given. It is not a philanthropic gift. If the thing should come when a woman has the franchise, she will be able to vote. That one movement is the recognition of the "proletarian" woman.

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In the Times of August 19th there were published reports of terrible explosions. Times after—six fatalities—in one of the "new" mills. The "casual observer" doesn't see any reason for mentioning this in your "Eugene W. Daily." What about the women and children who are left behind? As if there were not already enough of them? What about the heart sick when I hear and read of these things? Is it not a pity that a like nature is not brought to our attention? It is not a pity that an article written for the sole purpose of being some woman in that class that she get down and sent to the rear as a prisoner of war.

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First. Another series of articles by Gustav Bang, the great Danish Socialist, translated by Arthur Jensen. These instalments on "The Origin of European Nations" will open new vistas for most historical students.

Second. After Bang's series will appear a discussion on the Asiatic Exclusion question by Ernest Underman, who is Chairman of the Committee on Asiatic Exclusion. He will investigate and report on this matter at the Organization Convention to be held in 1910.

Third. A discussion of the relations between the Communist nations of Europe in which environment most European Socialist ideas on internationalism have developed, will constitute an admirable study. It is Underman's wider view expressing the ideas which are the outgrowth of those conditions wherein different nations are in contact which are at the same time different races.

The question is, Does Socialism Stand for Internationalism or International Socialism?

Every Socialist in America should read Bang's and Underman's contributions.

Fourth. Be sure and have all the printing that your local or any member of your local or your union needs, done by the Trustee Printing Company, the publishers of "The Socialist."

The "Seattle Times" and the other Democratic papers charge the Debs "Red Special" must be paid for by the Republicans to help elect Bryan. Yet up to date only some \$5,000 of the necessary \$20,000 has been paid by anybody. If the comrades don't hurry up with their dime and dollar bills, we may not have any "Red Special" after all this hurrahing.

"The Call," the new New York Socialist daily paper and "The Socialist" both year for \$3.00, regular price, \$1.00. Western readers who have wanted "The Call" can now subscribe through this office and help both "The Socialist" and "The Call."

"The Socialist Democratic Herald" of Milwaukee prints a letter from Backus of Seattle, in which the most glaring misstatement of facts occurs concerning the Socialist Party of Washington. The editor of the "Herald," Heath and its associate, Berger, who both were present at the National Convention at Chicago and had a full refutation of these falsehoods about the Washington movement. For them to print these misstatements now when they are well aware of their inaccuracy, must indicate a purpose. Is it to disrupt the Washington Socialist Party or is it to National Convention at Chicago and had a full refutation of these falsehoods about the Washington movement. For them to print these misstatements now when they are well aware of their inaccuracy, must indicate a purpose. Is it to disrupt the Washington Socialist Party or is it to National Convention at Chicago and had a full refutation of these falsehoods about the Washington movement. 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LOCAL SOCIALIST SEATTLE
Executive Committee—Melvin Rogoff, A. B. Callahan, Bussy Fiset, Bernard Kubaski, John Dowse.
Officers—Arthur Jensen, Secretary; John W. Gehrk, Treasurer; Melvin Rogoff, Literature Agent.
Headquarters of Local Seattle No. 1
in Labor Temple, Room 319, Sixth
and University street.

Local Business Meetings held by
Party Headquarters every Thursday
evening at 10 o'clock.
Women's Socialist Educational Club
meets every Wednesday night at 7:30
o'clock in Room 49, Holyoke Building,
entrance at rear of Frederick & Nel-
son's on Spring street.

Young People's Socialist League
meets every Sunday morning in Room
49, Holyoke Building, entrance at
rear of Frederick & Nelson's, on
Spring street.

The Headquarters of Local Seattle
No. 1 are located in the Labor Temple,
Room 319. The Secretary has desk
room there and the adjoining hall will
be used for lectures and course given
by Dr. Titus on Thursday evenings.
The first two of these lectures on
Scientific Socialism, the next two on
Marxian Law and were listened to
by a large number of workers. The
lectures will be on "Surplus Value or
Socialism and Economics." The theory of
Surplus Value is one of the funda-
mental principles of the Socialist
philosophy and it is highly important
that the Socialist Movement has been
so understood this, for on the
misaken conception exploitation
of the worker by the capitalist class
is tracked in various places at different
times.

Thursday, August 27, the subject to
be discussed will be "Tactics of
Socialism and Politics." This subject
interests all Socialists and sym-
pathizers as there is a great variety
of opinions about tactics and these
among Socialists.

A series of street meetings have
been given in different parts of the
city. The first of these meetings
was given on Wednesday, Saturday,
and Sunday nights; one on
Thursday night, one on University
street near Second avenue, and one
on Third avenue north of Pike.
These meetings will be devoted from
Sunday, August 30th, when National
Organizer Dan White will address a
mass meeting in the big hall in the
Labor Temple. Dan White is an iron
founder trade unionist for a long
time the national organizer of the
Iron Molders' Union. He has for
many years ranked among the most
powerful and eloquent orators of the
Socialist movement. Don't fail to
hear him.

The biggest event of the season
will be the monster meeting to be
addressed by EUGENE V. DEBS,
President of the American Socialist
Party ticket, in Dreamland Rink,
Thursday, September 10th.
This meeting will be heard Com-
rade Debs before will surely be
one of the most brilliant and those
who have never heard him will be
just as anxious, so if you want to go
to this meeting, a seat you had better
secure your ticket now as the sale of
tickets will be stopped as soon as all
the seats have been sold. Tickets can
be secured in Room 319, Labor
Temple, or at the headquarters of "The
Socialists." Admission will be 25
cents, Reserved Seats \$1.00.

By the way, don't forget to turn in
the money that you have collected
for the Red Special Fund.
Also remember to keep your list for
the National Campaign Fund going.
Have you paid your last month's
dues yet? If not, why not?

The secretary has in his possession
a long list of Socialists and sym-
pathizers, a great many of whom
are not members and active workers
if they were only approached about
the matter.
Any member wishing to act on this
suggestion, will be given names of
Socialists in his neighborhood
by applying to the secretary,
ARTHUR H. BERGSEN, Secretary.

WHY BURGESS DIDN'T GO.
Pocatello, Idaho, Aug. 15, 1908—
Editor: The Socialist Party has been
criticized for not attending the National
convention of the Socialist Party,
which recently I have been asked to
explain why I did not, and to do this
through the party press so that com-
rades generally may know the cause of
my failure to bow to the expressed
will of the party.

If you will grant me the space I
should like to tell all that I know
about this matter. I was notified of
my election as a delegate while at St.
Rochester, N. Y., and I was completely
"broke" at this time, and being among
strangers, I could not feel completely
secure in my own mind as to the neces-
sary support, and I wrote to the State
Secretary that I would not attend, but
Missoula the next Sunday, the Sunday
that the Washington delegation would
arrive in Seattle. Afterward I received
two dates and arrived in Missoula on
Saturday, and once more met the
Socialists of that town, hoping that I
might be able to arrange to go to Chi-
cago. On Sunday I succeeded in ar-
ranging for the money, but I could
not get a definite answer until Mon-
day evening.

About noon on Monday I received a
letter from the Washington State dele-
gation to the effect that my alternate
had been given credentials. This is
all that I know about the matter.
I have never desired any office, and
I have always asked the comrades to
serve in my place, but I have always
been sure that it was my duty to ac-
cept any responsibility that the comrades
might deliberately impose upon me. I
am all too glad to express my appre-
ciation of their confidence in me.

As the will and desires of the dele-
gation have been defeated, and respon-
sibility rests upon other shoulders.
FRANK L. BURGESS.

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a quarter apiece.

SOCIALIST ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON
By Richard Krueger
State Headquarters, Aug. 16, 1908—
Regular meeting called to order at
usual time and place, with John
Dunn in the chair and T. P. Burns and
E. C. Johnson present. Comrade Mrs.
Pratt and George Lewis present as
representatives of the Women's Com-
mittee elected by the recent State con-
vention. Mrs. Hornbrook and
Steele of Seattle as visitors.
Minutes of previous meeting ap-
proved as read.
Applications for membership at large
received by Comrade John H.
Atkins, Pasco; Ole Willmott, Gar-
field; Stephen Leonard and George
D. Moore, North Bunkam.
Members were granted as follows:
To comrades at Pocatello, Chehalis,
Dunn and Rogue Prairie.
Several communications having
bearing on actions taken by some
locals and all locals of a county, not-
ably Olympia on the one hand and Ste-
vens County on the other, with refer-
ence to the primary law. In relation
to the latter, the Secretary was in-
structed to notify all locals in Thur-
ston County that the Comrade action
proposed by Olympia to elect an ad-
visory election and then to issue a
county ticket, purporting to be the
Socialist Party ticket, to further
notify them that the primary law
does not make it obligatory on the Socialist
party to endorse the means of the
county nominations through the means
of the primary election, the party there
being a national party and not a
local party. It is the sense of the
committee that whatever action may
be taken with a view of not in-
cluding a Socialist ticket for county
elections through the means of the
primary election in Thurston County
is illegal in so far as the Socialist Party
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