

like the ordinary wage slave, we work when we can, and have held over 300 street meetings during the past four years, have been interfered with only once, when our speaker was arrested on Saturday night, but was on the same spot, at the same game, the following evening, Sunday, in the interest of the S. L. P. and the right of Free Speech.

We have missed but three hall meetings in that time. Our hall is always open for all who wish to study the literature of the S. L. P., to learn the way out of wage slavery, so you can see there is little retrogression, as far as the S. L. P. here is concerned.

We can't say as much for the great and only "Socialist" Party of British Columbia, with no affiliation with any of the other S. P.'s of any other place. This party is run by the great and only E. T. Kingsley (of Seattle and San Francisco fame) as a "Revolutionary Party," since the late provincial election held here when they compromised with the pure and simple labor unions under the title of Independent Labor Party, and their straight vote did not equal the numbers in their party at that time; and, as we stated above, this is a "Revolutionary Party." This, in a sense, is true. They have had a revolution since election and split into three, one part holds forth every Sunday night in a 10c play house, after which a collection is taken up (Mr. E. T. Kingsley can tell you what becomes of that, as I understand the rest of the members of this third must not be too inquisitive, or they may not remain in the "Party"). Another third that wanted to know a few things and have a say in matters in general has gone off and formed a mutual admiration society, a young LANG SYGNE Educational Club (That is all right! We all want education); while the third third are walking about disgusted and grumbling (at the rent they made in the Constitution when they compromised at the last election), looking for some place to rest.

As to the two so-called Revolutionary Socialists elected by the miners: Hawthornthwaite, in Nanaimo, and Williams, in Newcastle, both on Vancouver Island, B. C. The two capitalist parties (the Tory: the government; the Liberal: the opposition) are nearly equal in numbers, giving these Socialists the balance of power in the House. How do they use it?

Hawthornthwaite puts in a bill for 8 hours for the miners, when they have it already, but get enough to live on if they work more like all pure and simplers. This is what he has done for the miners. The other bill of his is for himself: Free transportation on all railroads in the province for the members.

Mr. Williams puts in bill to reduce the deposit necessary to place a candidate in nomination from \$200 to \$50. Tory Bowser, a lawyer, said: "Make it \$160." Nevens, a Labor Liberal or Liberal Labor, said: "If it is wrong, wipe it out. If right, leave it as it is." It is so left.

The puzzle is, where is the balance of power? Who are these fellows working for? "We, Us & Co.," I guess.

They don't explain this puzzle in the official "h'organs" of either side of the compromising parties.

As soon as the Conservative or Tory party was done with these "Socialists," after election, the weekly issue of their paper quit. The issue is now monthly, until they receive further orders, and the pure and simplers will say it is all right, while "The Western Clarion," late "The Western Socialist," a child of "The Citizen and Country," now defunct, in marriage with "Social Justice," appears when it gets ready. When it does get ready, it appears as a dodger, edited by Kingsley, who has been repudiated by the pure and simplers. Its last issue appears on December 26th. When it appears again we will assume that the Dominion general election is on, and the Tory party wants help to down the Liberals.

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CONDITIONS IN VANCOUVER.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—
Section Vancouver, British Columbia, is still on the warpath. A number of our missionaries are in the city for the winter from the bush, mines, snow sheds, and railroad building, with a few agricultural and other laborers of the wharf and longshore type—fishermen, mechanics, and some of the retiring class, the wage slave exploiting element, with correct knowledge of where they will be in the near future.

The weather being rather humid at this time of the year, here in Vancouver, we can't hold regular outdoor meetings; but