

There is No Failure.

THERE is no failure. Life itself's a song
Of victory o'er death, and ages long
Have told the story old of triumphs wrought
Unending, from the things once held for naught.
The battle's over; though defeated now,
In coming time the waiting world shall bow
Before the throne of Truth that's builded high
Above the dust of those whose ashes lie
All heedless of the glorious fight they won
When death obscured the light of victory's sun.

There is no failure. If we could but see
Beyond the battle line; if we could be
Where battle-smoke does ne'er becloud the eye,
Then we should know that where these prostrate lie
Accountred in habiliments of death,
Sweet Freedom's radiant form has drawn new breath—
The breath of life which they so nobly gave
Shall swell anew above the lowly grave,
And give new life and hope to hearts that beat
Like battle-drums that never sound retreat.

Early Socialism.

THE first efforts of the proletariat to attain its own ends, made in times of general agitation in the period of the overthrow of feudal society, necessarily failed, owing as much to the developed state of the proletariat itself as to the absence of the economic conditions for its emancipation, which conditions could only be the product of the bourgeois epoch. The revolutionary literature which accompanied these first movements of the proletariat was necessarily reactionary in character. It preached universal asceticism and a crude levelling process.

The genuine Socialist and Communist systems, the systems of St. Simon, Fourier, Owen, etc., sprang up during the early undeveloped period of the struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie.

The founders of these systems perceive indeed the class antagonism as well as the action of the decomposing elements in the prevailing form of society. But on the side of the proletariat they can find no historical initiative and no independent political movement.

Since the development of class antagonism keeps pace

with the development of industry, they find none of the material conditions for the emancipation of the proletariat, and therefore search after a social science, social laws, in order to create these conditions.

Social activity is to be replaced by their personal inventive activity; historical conditions of emancipation to be replaced by fantastic conditions; the gradual and spontaneous organisation of the proletariat as a class is to be replaced by an organisation of society specially invented by themselves. The future history of the world becomes for them the propaganda and practical application of their social plans.

In the formation of their plans they are conscious above all, of defending the interests of the working class as being the most suffering class. Only under this aspect of being the most suffering class does the proletariat exist for them.

The undeveloped state of class struggle, as well as their own social position, cause them to fancy themselves far superior to all class antagonisms. They want to improve the conditions of all members of society, even the most favored.

Hence they appeal continually to the whole of society without distinction, and even by preference to the ruling

class. For how can anyone who understands their system fail to recognise in it the best possible plan of the best possible society?

They therefore reject all political, and especially all revolutionary action; they wish to attain their ends by peaceful means, and endeavor by small experiments, necessarily foredoomed to failure and by the force of example, to prepare the way for the new social gospel.

This fantastic figure of future society, painted at a time when the proletariat was still but little developed and had but a fantastical conception of its own position, corresponds to the first instinctive aspirations of the workers toward a complete transformation of society.

But these socialist and communist writings also contain a critical element. They attacked society at its very basis. Thus they provided the most valuable materials for the enlightenment of the working class. Their positive propositions as to future society, e.g., the abolition of the distinction between town and country, the family, private gain, wage-labor, the proclamation of social harmony, the conversion of the State into a mere machine for the administration of produc-

tion—all these propositions merely indicate the disappearance of that class antagonism that had then only just begun to develop, and which they only knew as yet in its first indistinct and undefined forms. These proposals are, therefore, of a purely utopian character. —The Communist Manifesto.

Socialists in the canton of Berne, Switzerland, won another seat in the legislative chamber in a special election, making a total of 16.

France has more socialists in office than any other country. They number 2,280. There are just about 2,000 Socialist office-holders in Germany.

There are plain evidences of physical deterioration in the cotton mill districts of England, says Pro. Samuel McClune Lindsay. Children who go to work young are on the average three inches or more shorter in height and weigh less when they reach the adult years than the normal height and weight of the working population.

Miss Mary Fullerton, St. Louis's richest heiress, says: "Society women are such liars I can not endure them. Maybe they have just got the habit in society. Maybe it's diplomacy and tact, but it looks to me like a surrender of independence and individuality."

Salmagundi.

If Barrier "Truth" was run by the mineowners, it couldn't do their work better than when it attacks Barrier Socialist Group. A labor paper mouthing industrial unity and spreadeagling for industrial disruption in the interests of political scabbery.

The laborer, uneducated, uninformated, untaught to think for himself, has hitherto listened sheepishly. Of late some glimmering of his own rights, of his own power to enforce them, has come to him—much to the indignation and disgust of those who whose interests, viewed from a narrow standpoint, are diametrically opposed to his.—Jerome K. Jerome.

If you are a Socialist, and desire to wield the power that comes through organisation, get into the Socialist Party.

The direst aspect of the tragedy of woman is that her efforts at emancipation find their bitterest opposition from her own enslaved sex. Modern woman in the mass does not yet want the ballot. She does not want her rights. She wants to be let alone so long as she can find a man to keep her, and she looks sullenly at the woman who has risen to the light as one, not who would help her, but who would rob her of her slave privileges and give her nothing in return.

Labor Party progress is "slow but sure." So is starvation. Vic. "Socialist."

"After all, success in business only comes to plucky people."
"You mean 'from plucking people' don't you?"—Stray Stories.

The vital fight is Socialism versus Capitalism. All else is red-herring.—Vic. "Socialist."

Pertinent query by Jack London.—Why should there be one empty belly in all the world when the work of ten men can feed a hundred?

The value of Government ownership depends upon who owns the Government. See?—Vic. "Socialist."

Socialism cannot afford to be saddled with the blunders of Laborism. Stand clear!—Vic. "Socialist."

During the recent threatened trouble at Broken Hill, someone packed a huge case with sawdust, addressed it to the A.M.A. and forwarded it to Sydney Railway Station. Then a surreptitious note was dropped to the Government intimating that the writer had learned that the Socialists were secretly sending a consignment of arms and ammunition to the miners at Broken Hill for use in case of trouble. The Wade Government made a frantic seizure of the case at the railway, broke it open, and discovered that Authority—as personified in Premier Wade—had once more succeeded in making an awful ass of itself.

To ask a working-class man to join the "Institute of Journalists"—run for and by the boss newspaper men of Sydney—would be an insult to his intelligence as well as a reflection on his loyalty to the working-class movement.

At last meeting of the International Socialist Group, Sydney, the following resolution, moved by H. E. Holland and seconded by Scott Bennett, was carried with great enthusiasm, "That the Socialists of Sydney heartily congratulate the Barrier Socialist Group and its secretary on the splendid fighting attitude assumed in connection with the unscrupulous attack made on Barrier Socialists by the Broken Hill 'labor' paper."

According to Labor member Dooley, the International Socialists, who denounce organised scabbery "whenever little troubles occur," do not understand the teachings of Marx. Are we to assume that Mr. Dooley does understand Marx, and that it was his understandability that constrained him to perform that rapid climb-down in the Wolgan case; and are we to further assume that only persons who do climb down—and never the men who stand erect—are capable of understanding Marx. Get up out of the dirt, Mr. Dooley.

Debs's tour through the United States in the "Red Special"—a train specially chartered by the Socialist Party—was a record of splendid successes. In three States the

vote rose from 4,000 in 1906 to 16,000 this year.

At the Labor Council last Thursday evening, Mr. Perrin started out to make sure that the Revolutionary International Socialists should not be permitted to sit as delegates on next P.L.L. Conference. An ordinary acquaintance with the working-class movement would have disabused Mr. Perrin's mind in this respect. If an International Socialist should take his seat as a delegate to the P.L.L. Conference, that act alone would terminate his membership in the International Socialist movement.

At Sydney Labor Council last Thursday, in protesting against a move to shut I.W.W. members off the next P.L.L. Conference, Mr. J. Keegan declared that "in the I.W.W. Club there were as many members belonging to Labor Leagues as to the Socialist organisations, consequently the I.W.W. should not be brought into conflict with any Labor organisation." This is the weakness of the I.W.W. as at present constituted. It insists on a correct industrial attitude, and permits its members to join the political organisations of the Master Class.

"Disintegration."

RECENTLY "Barrier Daily Truth" (an alleged Labor paper) made a splenetic attack on the Barrier Socialist Group, referring to the Socialists a political scabs, who were far more dangerous than the Non-Political Union. An effective, hard-hitting reply was made in the Broken Hill Hippodrome on the Sunday before last, by A. K. Wallace, secretary of the Barrier Group. The following report is abridged from "Barrier Miner":

Mr. Wallace said that so far as the article headed "Disintegration" was concerned he recognised that it represented the true position of the Labor Parliamentary party. He would, however, deal with the paper which had claimed to be run on Socialist lines and at times had published articles upon those lines, which he would quote in order to show how it had reversed its position. The editor of that paper evidently allowed himself to be brought back suddenly, and as quickly as those who ran the paper desired. The Barrier Socialist Group was based on principles which the editor of that paper had admitted were essential for any true genuine working-class movement. As recently as November 6, the paper in question had published a leading article headed "Legal Arbitration," and in which legal arbitration was scathingly condemned. The article stated: "From the organised working class point of view, the strongest argument against legal arbitration is that the acceptance of it vitiates unionism, and destroys militant working class action." It continued: "The A.M.A. members, to be logical and consistent, must vote against registration under the Federal Arbitration Act,

just as unanimously as they did against Wade's Coercion Act. Both Acts are capitalistic traps, and the workers of the Barrier are surely too wary to be caught in them."

As the Parliamentary Labor Party pinned its faith to legal arbitration, there must, said Mr. Wallace, be some trouble in the camp now. Some of those who were eager to gain positions in Parliament became suddenly imbued with the idea that their position would not be too secure if their official organ condemned one of the main planks of the Labor platform. Therefore the paper published the article headed "Disintegration," in which, after dealing with the Non-Political Union and saying it had to be wiped out of existence as it was a disintegrating factor, an attack was made on Barrier Socialist Group. The article stated: "But there is another organisation on the Barrier which is just as dangerous in its disintegrating influence as the N.P.U. was. We refer to the Barrier Socialist Group. . . . The Barrier Labor movement is in danger of being side-tracked by these tyros in tactics and economics, and the propaganda of Socialism is suffering because of its association with those who mislead because of ignorance. . . . The Socialist Federation, with which the Barrier Socialist Group is affiliated, has declared its intention of running Socialist candidates against Laborites. This is the thin edge of the wedge of working-class disintegration, and if the Barrier unionists are wise they will picture this idea just as effectively as they smashed the N.P.U."

Then the article—it should remember it appeared only last Wednesday—went on to state: "Solidarity! Solidarity! Solidarity!

Solidarity! The working class watchword of progress. Barrier workers, beware of an organisation which threatens that principle. Political blacklegs are as inimical to working-class interests as are industrial scabs."

As a matter of fact, proceeded Mr. Wallace, he believed, as they all did, that the N.P.U. had been a disintegrating factor in the true working class movement, and it was properly wiped out of existence, because it did not stand for true working-class principles and did not recognise the existence of the class war.

The Socialists were with the unions in their desire to see the N.P.U. wiped out. As part of the Socialist Federation of Australasia, they also recognised that the Labor party was not working upon true working-class lines, and therefore they desired to see the Labor party wiped out of existence, and be replaced with something that would truly work in the Labor cause.

The Socialists were opposed to any reactionary organisation, and they were going to fight every concern that was against true working class principles. Socialist candidates would be run against the Labor party, because the Labor Party was not based on true principles. If the Labor party thought they were going to crush the Barrier Socialist Group as they crushed the Non-Political Union they never made a greater mistake in their lives. (A Voice: "They've got a big job on.") But let them go back for a few months. On July 24, the paper in question published an article headed, "The Australian Labor Conference,"—a diatribe against the middle class reactionary Labor party. In that article it was stated: "Our

leaders have apishly copied the manners of the master-class, and the working-class movement has been side-tracked into the shoals of political opportunism." Now the paper said the Socialists were a danger to the Labor movement. On July 24, it stated "To declare for Socialism may mean loss of votes. If the Australian Labor movement does not stand for Socialism it is a delusion and a snare, and is nothing more than the mere useless Liberal party it sprang out from." In the same article, after referring to the New Protection, the paper says, "As we have said, the Labor movement is a demand for emancipation from wage-slavery, and is the only movement which has any solution for the unemployed problem. That being so, just imagine the enthusiasm a Labor politician will create by his stirring appeal for a 'citizen army' and a 'Commonwealth bank!' These, ye gods, are two fighting planks. Just imagine the joy these planks will bring to the hearts of the weary seamstresses! What enthusiasm to the sweated army of workers! What relief to the tin-shanty homes of the night-shift miners! What comfort to the Australian toiling thousands, whose only hope and religion is the Labor party." That was the greatest possible condemnation of that party, which the paper in question now lauded up to the skies as all that was good. The Socialists knew that it was impossible for the workers to do anything to administer a capitalistic State. The Labor party said it was possible to do so. They were going to buy back the property from the capitalists and administer it in the form of what they called a co-operative Commonwealth. The Labor party were go-

ing to lighten the burden of the capitalist class. They would give the capitalist in Government bonds what he now had to take the risk of in profits or dividends. Then then capitalist could go without his fears and risks and troubles, and the Labor Party could give him practically the same amount without any trouble on his part at all. That would not suit the socialists at all. The paper in question also attempted to dig up sectarianism. It would use any means in its attempt to crush out the Socialist organisation. It was trying now to bring in the devil of sectarianism. It said, referring to the Socialists, "Two of their principle dogmas are anti-palliatives and anti-religion."

After denouncing the Labor paper's attempts to work up sectarianism, Mr. Wallace proceeded to say that even if the Labor Party succeeded—and it could not succeed—in crushing the Socialist Group, the scientific Socialist organisation would rise again, and the Labor people would find that an organisation, like the Labor Party, based on ignorance must fall to pieces.

While the Socialists were members of the local Social-Democratic Club, they wished to start a Sunday School, but the Labor Party element derided the idea as being wicked but after the Socialist School was started the Labor Party, through the Club, also brought a Sunday School into existence.

To get back to the Labor Party, let them go back to the tramway strike and see the attitude of the parliamentarians against the men, also in the rockhoppers' strike.

As workers they had to resist Wade's Industrial Disputes Act, and declared that if certain things were not done by a certain time

they would strike. The Barrier and other centres had refused to support the attitude of the Labor Party over that Act; they had utterly repudiated the Labor party, which had turned against the class they were supposed to represent. Now they had the paper in question supporting the Labor party. The position was absolutely ridiculous. There was their wonderful solidarity again. They declared that what the working-class decided should be carried out must be carried out in Parliament. But now they said they would not carry out what the working-class demanded. What about all the mouthings of solidarity, which they declared was so necessary. Then there was the action of the unions in selecting Tom Mann as organiser. Tom Mann was spoken of as the only man to do the work. Now, Tom Mann was described as one of the "political scabs." Tom Mann was a member of the Socialist Federation of Australasia, and stood in the same position as the members of the Barrier Socialist Group. The paper in question stated: "Like wise men, Barrier miners have secured the services of probably the best union organiser in the world. There is no man to-day with greater capacity for such work. . . . Tom Mann has given his life to the cause of the working class. He has chosen a life of hard and unremitting toil in the cause of the worker." Yet the paper in question now said Tom Mann was a "political scab." The position was plain. The Socialist Federation of Australasia had decided to run candidates against the Laborites, and this the paper in question said, "This is the thin end of the wedge of working class disintegration." The inference was plain enough that the

organisation of which Tom Mann was a part was a "scab" organisation, and should be wiped out. That was their great cry of "Solidarity, solidarity, solidarity," the working class watchword of progress. . . . The solidarity of the Labor party was a solidarity of ignorance. On August 14 the paper in question, in an article headed "The Aftermath," in which it referred to the tramway strike, stated: "The most disgraceful feature of the late strike was the treachery and the traitorship of the men chosen by the organised workers to carry the banner of Labor into the political arena. That the Labor members without exception were guilty of practically selling the strikers is a fact. . . . If by 'doing their best' they misled the men, if by their ineptitude they smashed the strike, if they, by talking compromise with the Government, fatally injured the chance of the strike being won, then they are none the less traitors and wasters." Now, the paper wrote of "Disintegration," and supported the Labor party, and called the Socialists "political scabs."

This was the paper and this the organisation that would lead the workers. This was their solidarity—the solidarity of ignorance. It was only better in a small degree than the solidarity of the Church. The paper in question desired to keep every one in the clutches of men who sold the workers, as "Barrier Truth" said the Labor members had sold the Tramway men. The Socialists recognised that the only way for the workers to attain success was by solidarity, but it must be solidarity based on a knowledge of economics and an understanding of Capitalism, and of

what must constitute the ideals of the working class—a solidarity that would enable them to go in and get what they desired, instead of the utopian ideas of men "Barrier Truth" had recently proved were traitors to the working class. The workers must take care they were not betrayed again. If men robbed them, did they trust them with their funds again? But they allowed men to betray them and rob them of something worthier, and let them do it time after time on a larger scale than the man who merely robbed them of money. When Mr. McGowen moved his censure motion, Mr. Wade asked him if he (McGowen) had been in power would he have enforced the penalty clauses of the Industrial Disputes Act. Mr. McGowen replied: "If you had listened you would know that I said I was ready to enforce the penal clauses."

The Labor party was prepared to follow law and order and enforce these Acts. The Labor party said it did so because it had not a majority in Parliament. But Wade had the majority, and he could pass any Acts he liked, and the working class would have to sit under them. The Socialists said the only chance of the workers was not to sit down under these laws, but to revolt against them. The Socialists said: "We will not obey law or order. We recognise that law and order is only made by one class, the capitalist class. If the working class desire to amend a law, the only way to get a good law is by constantly breaking the bad law."

On Wednesday evening a splendidly-successful election meeting was held at the Star Hotel, Goulburn-street, Sydney.

JACK LONDON was operated on in a North Sydney Hospital on Tuesday, and is now doing splendidly. He will be able to get about in something like four weeks' time, and will then lecture on scientific subjects in Sydney and Melbourne under the management of Mr. H. N. Southwell. Immediately afterward he will lecture twice in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Broken Hill respectively, under S.F.A. auspices. Dates will be announced in next issue.

Room! For the men of mind make way!

Ye robber Rulers, pause no longer;
Ye cannot stay the opening day;

The world rolls on, the light
grows stronger,

The People's Advent's coming!

—Gerald Massey.

A Tennessee man has been fined \$2,500 for killing quail out of season. No such fine has ever been levied on any manufacturer for exploiting little children below the legal age. "There's a reason" for the difference, as Mr. Post would say. The children in the mills are children of the poor, and they are plenty. Quail are a much prized luxury for the tables of the rich, and it is necessary to conserve the supply by protecting them during the breeding season.—New York "Socialist."

The superstition that poverty is blessed is doubtless derived from the parent superstition that the capitalist property that causes it is sacred.

The export of machinery from Japan continues to advance yearly, the total in 1907 (\$1,177,693) showing an increase of \$447,718, or

61 per cent. over the preceding year, and of nearly 250 per cent. over the average of the last five years. The bulk consists of cotton gins and printing machines, which go to China, but Japanese workshops are now turning out various other kinds. Many of them may be fairly described as copies, more or less accurate, of foreign models. On the other hand, it must be admitted that the Japanese are often very clever in thinking out and executing labor-saving appliances. In a violin factory at Nagoya, where some 8,000 instruments are annually turned out, ranging in price from \$60 a piece, there were several simple machines at work. It is stated, invented by the proprietor and his employees, while it must be remembered that most of the tea-firing machinery used in the country is also admitted of Japanese invention.

"What shattered his faith in human nature?" "He bought an unbreakable comb, took a dose of tasteless cod liver oil, visited a painless dentist, and voted the old-party tickets."—The Hammer.

JACK LONDON gets nothing for lecturing for the S.F.A. His lectures will be given to help to build up a central Socialist paper for Australasia. See that YOU hear him.

WEST SYDNEY FEDERAL ELECTION.

H. E. HOLLAND

(The Selected Socialist Candidate)
SUPPORTED BY SOCIALIST SPEAKERS
Will address the West Sydney
Electors as under.....

TUESDAY, DEC. 8—Millers Point, near
Coal Lumpers' Institute.
MONDAY, DEC. 14—Harris-st., Pyrmont.
MONDAY, DEC. 21—The Globe.

Under the Red Flag.

PROPAGANDA FUND.

IMPORTANT—International Socialist Club and Group members are notified that, in future, the Local Superintendents will make weekly calls on Members living in the Metropolitan Area, for the purpose of collecting Subscriptions and Contributions towards the Propaganda Fund, and delivering the "I. S. Review."

Collections for week ending November 14, 1908:

Per H. Borax—M. Schoenberger 3d, M. Schoenberger 3d, H. Voss 3d, Chr. Games 3d, H. Froehlich 3d, Th. Sievers 3d, H. Garlich 6d, L. Wreyer 6d, H. Mentzel 3d, E. Daube 3d, A. Dahm 6d, A. Sievers 6d, E. Borax 6d, H. Borax 6d, Fr. Meyer 6d, L. Meyer 3d, J. Mayer 3d, Aug. Borax 6d, V. Veil 3d, H. Prien 3d, G. Oppermann 3d, O. Newman 6d, F. Slavik 6d, P. Welzel 6d, R. Allen 2s, Tillich 1s, W. Gumbley 6d, Schwartz 1s, J. Pohl 6d, J. Bauer 3d, G. Wenzel 1s, H. Dierks 1s, F. Muller 6d, Lundgreen P. Sprenger 1s.

Per Comrade Schwartz, 2/9.

Omitted from last week's list:—
Mr. J. Lee 1s, Mr. Bohm 1s.

Per Mrs. Lorimer, 1/3.

Per Comrade Bohm—Rogers 3/3.

B. Brown 3d, Wagner 3d.

Per Mrs. Lorimer 1s 3d.

CAMPAIGN FUND.

The International Socialist Group Executive having decided to open a Federal Election Campaign Fund, donations towards same are hereby invited. Amounts received will be acknowledged in the "Review" from week to week.

Previously acknowledged, £3 4s 0½d. Friends, 2s 9d; F. Anderson 1s. Total, £3 7s 9½d.

AN exceptionally large crowd gathered in the Domain last Sunday to hear the International Socialist speakers. Comrade Considine presided, and Comrade Mrs. Lorimer, Price Warner, and Scott Bennett addressed the gathering. The last named speaker answered a host of questions to the evident satisfaction of the audience. The large crowd did not disperse until a comparatively late hour, to the apparent chagrin of those who depend upon an early conclusion of the International Socialist meeting for their audience.

A very well attended propaganda meeting was held in Park-street early on Sunday evening by the International Socialist Group. Comrades Price, Warner, Summers and Mrs. Lorimer addressed the gathering.

Winston Hall, as usual, was crowded to the doors on Sunday evening when Scott Bennett spoke on "Karl Marx: The Man and His Work." The lecture was splendidly received, and a first-class musical program was provided in addition to the lecture. Messrs. Crabtree and Barnett delighted the audience with their solos, and Miss Daisy McCourt was deservedly applauded for the rendering of a pleasing American ballad. Master Dunn

gave an excellent recitation. The International Socialist Liedertafel also rendered a number of excellent selections under the conductorship of Comrade Wuetke. We are pleased to announce that the Liedertafel will be with us again at Winston Hall next Sunday. Comrade H. E. Holland presided over the gathering.

Scott Bennett speaks at Winston Hall next Sunday on "Anarchy Plus the Policeman—an Indictment of Capitalism."

Socialist Sunday School, under the superintendence of Comrade Beck, every Sunday at 3 p.m. Tea at Winston Hall from 5 to 6.30 p.m.

Comrades! Rally to the campaign meetings now being held throughout the West Sydney electorate.

Remember this, my son, that, in the eyes of the politician truly on to his job, the cheque book is mightier than the argument.

"McJigger" remarked the man in the mackintosh, "is the most corrupt politician I ever knew. I don't believe he has ever had one honest conviction." "Of course not," observed the man who had his feet on the table. "If he had he would be serving a ten-year sentence in penitentiary."—Chicago "Tribune."

A straw vote of the inmates of Danvers insane asylum Boston, on the presidential preferences resulted in the following vote: William H. Taft 218, William J. Bryan 110, Eugene V. Debs none. According to this it is evident that the lunatics are very overwhelmingly for Taft, and Bryan is quite popular. Debs stands no chance with them at all.—New York "Socialist."

Mr. H. E. Holland has sold his printing business in the Royal Arcade to Mr. G. A. Rock.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST LECTURES.

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SUNDAY NEXT.

H. Scott Bennett

LECTURES

Subject: "Anarchy Plus the Policeman—an Indictment of Capitalism."

Musical Program.

To Correspondents.

"THE SPY."—Next week.

"SOCIALIST," Sydney.—The mere fact that a paper calls itself a Socialist paper does not save it from being regarded as a blackleg sheet at its own game of the capitalists. The Sydney paper you mention is playing such a game.

CLEM JOHNSON, Moree.—(1). The International Socialists do not advocate a general strike, as you appear to assume. The Industrial Unionism they stand for calls on the workers to organise for the purpose of remaining at work and locking out the employers. But, if the workers should find it necessary to strike generally to meet an attack against any section of their class, do you really think they would be foolish enough to starve while the strike lasted—food would still be cooked, etc., but only for the working class. Surely the working class may be given credit for possessing sufficient intelligence to provision their own forces while cutting off the enemy's supplies. The capitalist class only would suffer. In our present sectional fights the workers supply the enemy with both stores and ammunition. When the workers are scientifically organised a general strike will not last 24 hours—the capitalists will capitulate earlier than that. (2). No. (3). When the workers are sufficiently educated to so organise industrially, they will certainly give political expression to their industrial demands—just as they do to-day; but to assume that the remedy lies through the ballot box alone is a deplorable fallacy—a fallacy that gives to Australia such a desperate calamity as the alleged Labor Party. (4).

The strike is the only effective weapon left in the hands of the working class. It is brutal to-day because the workers don't understand their own power; it will cease to be brutal when the workers use "intellectual force," because the capitalist system—with every brutality that belongs to it—will be passed along to the limbo of things that are worn-out and useless.

The bookkeeper who had worked twelve hours a day for thirty years paused to look at the captivity of a canary. "How pathetic!" he exclaimed.—Life.

"Tell me, colonel," asked the beginner in politics, addressing the gray-haired statesman, "can a politician be honest?"

"I suppose so, my boy," replied the veteran, "but—ah!—it isn't necessary."—Collier's Weekly.

"Thou shalt not kill." Except by blocked exits, subway explosions, adulterated food, slums, fire-damp, fast trains, sweatshops. In short, in the regular course of trade.—Life.

We are they who will not falter—
many swords or few—
Till we make this earth the altar of
a worship new;
We are they who will not take from
palace, priest, or code,
A meaner law than Brotherhood—
a lower Lord than God.
—Edwin Arnold.

Revolutions Evolve.

"REVOLUTIONS are not manufactured or made to order; they are never successfully planned or deliberately entered upon; they do not come at the bidding of one man or one set of men; they grow and then come. A revolution which bursts to-day is apt to have its origin away back in the past, and the leader who mounts to power and fame on the crest of the revolution of to-day may owe his elevation to a brain that has ceased to think, a voice that speaks or lyes from between the leaves of books, a man who has gone to rest between coffined walls. Wherever a few honest, earnest men or women gather together to deliberate upon and investigate an injustice, there will be found the beginning of a revolution."—Selected.

At the national conference of the Socialist party in Germany officers' reports showed that the dues-paying membership had increased during the year from 530,466 to 587,336, a gain of 56,870. The party income amounted to \$195,000. The expenses \$195,000. The number of women members of the party rose from 10,943 last year to 29,458 this year. That explains why the German socialists are scoring victory after victory at the polls.

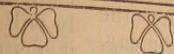
The co-operative stores and enterprises of the socialists in Hamburg show a wonderful report for the year last past. Their plants are now worth about fifty-seven million marks, or an increase of thirty million marks over last year. About 108,000 marks will be divided up among the stockholders, besides liberal contributions will be made to the Socialist party.

The Socialist party has struck root in Cuba, sure enough. At the recent election a thousand socialists showed up in Santiago, over five hundred in Havana, and scattering numbers in smaller places—and this without the aid or consent of the American and native politicians who are skinning the Cubans or the Associated Press, which corrupt news purveyor overlooked the fact that there are any socialists on the island.

At this week's meeting of Sydney Labor Council, S. T. Harrison (a henchman of W. M. Hughes) is to move that only members of the "Institute of Journalists" be permitted to report Council meetings. This to block the "Review." But it won't work. The "Institute of Journalists" isn't affiliated with the Labor Council—it isn't even a trade union; at its first function the ruling personalities were Fairfax of the "Herald" and Watkin Wynne of the "Telegraph," with W. M. Hughes (who is not eligible to rank as a journalist) as an invited guest. Some of the newspaper bosses are also shipping shareholders and waterside bosses. But, of course, this fact will have nothing to do with Mr. Harrison's motion.

There are said to be 638 Socialist papers and magazines throughout the world, of which 77 are dailies.

JACK LONDON,



World-renowned Novelist, Socialist, and Traveller, will lecture, under S.F.A. auspices, at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Broken Hill, on dates to be advertised.

GET READY

to hear the author of "Before Adam."

A Gem from Debs.

It does not matter that the Creator has sown with stars the fields of ether and decked the earth with countless beauties for man's enjoyment. It does not matter that the air and ocean teem with the wonders of innumerable forms of life to challenge man's admiration and investigation. It does not matter that nature spreads forth all her scenes of beauty and gladness and pours forth the melodies of her myriad tongued voices for man's delectation. If liberty is ostracised and exiled, man is a slave and the world rolls in space and whirls around the

sun of a gilded prison, a doomed dungeon, and, though painted in all the enchanting hues that infinite art could command, it must stand forth a blotch amid the singing spheres of the sidereal heavens, and those who cull from the vocabularies of nations, living or dead, their flashing phrases with which to apostrophise liberty, are engaged in perpetuating the most stupendous delusion the ages have known. Strike down liberty, no matter by what subtle and infernal art the deed is done, the spinal chord of humanity is sundered, and the world is paralyzed by the indescribable crime.—Eugene V. Debs.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

BOB ROSS arrived here from the Barrier on Saturday, Oct. 14, much fatigued after the weary journey. On Sunday, after a much-needed rest, Bob was once again himself. In the afternoon we held a successful meeting in Adelaide Botanic Park. We were delighted to have Ross here, and the convincing way he put forward the case for Socialism made a marked impression on the large crowd of listeners. A feature of the meeting was a fire of intelligent questions, which received clear and convincing answers from the lecturer. In the evening, Comrade Ross addressed the best Sunday evening meeting yet held.

Last Sunday our local band of speakers held a successful meeting in the park. Mrs. Gunn, who has taken charge of the literature, did excellent work. In the evening Jack Gunn delivered an instructive lecture on "The Wastes of Capitalism."

Progress in this centre is a little slow, but we hope shortly to be in a position to extend our activities.


A cordial welcome awaits Jack London when he lectures in Adelaide.

Rotten Ripe.

"THE time isn't ripe for Socialism. Socialism very likely will come, but the time for it has not yet arrived."

This is the argument Socialists frequently get from wage-slave voters who don't want to "throw away their votes on a party that cannot win."

Isn't ripe? Let's see. Starvation in the midst of too much to eat under capitalism; 500,000 unfortunate women selling their virtue in order to get enough to keep body and soul together! 1,700,000 child laborers, when 5,000,000 men are willing and anxious to work; millions of the working class in rags when the storehouses are clogged with fine raiment they produced; with degradation, crime, sickness and other beauties of capitalism on all sides, do you, Mr. Workingman, admit that the time isn't ripe for Socialism? Why, it is rotten ripe for it.—*Moutana News.*

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DENTIST.

J. HIRSCH,
MARY STREET, AUBURN.

Send me a Card, and I will call on you.

CLEAR THE WAY.

By CHARLES MACKAY.

MEN of thought—be up and stirring night and day;
Sow the seed—withdraw the curtain—clear the way!
Men of action, aid and cheer them as ye may!
There's a fount about to stream,
There's a light about to beam,
There's a warmth about to glow,
There's a flower about to grow,
There's a midnight blackness changing into grey.
Men of thought and men of action, clear the way!

Once the welcome light has broken, who shall say
What the unimagined glories of the day?
What the evil that shall perish in its ray.
Aid its dawning, tongue and pen;
Aid it, hope of honest men;
Aid it, paper, aid it type;
Aid it, for the hour is ripe.
And our earnest must not slacken into play;
Men of thought and men of action, clear the way!

Lo! a cloud's about to vanish from the day;
And a brazen wrong to crumble into clay.
Lo! the right's about to conquer; clear the way!
With the right shall many more
Enter smiling at the door;
With the giant wrong shall fall
Many others great and small,
That for ages long have held us for their prey.

Mr. Wade's New Law.

To Sledgehammer Socialism.

By H.E.H.

A NEW Law comes into operation in New South Wales on January 1 next, the central purpose of which is to sledgehammer the Socialist movement. Mr. Wade's recent vindication (with the assistance of the Labor Party) of his brutal Industrial Disputes Act—a vindication that was made easily possible by the backdown of the Sydney Labor Council in the Rockchoppers' case—has clothed the Government and its veiled supporters in the ranks of Opposition with much greater boldness than they have hitherto displayed, and the new Act is the result. It provides for the TOTAL PROHIBITION of all meetings in halls on Sundays, Good Fridays, and Christmas Days! The holding of a meeting in a building on Sunday is to be made a crime, while the holding of an outdoor meeting is to remain a legal act. The whole purpose of the measure is abundantly clear. The International Socialist movement has made such rapid strides during the past two years that both the Wade Party and the Labor Party has become alarmed. For at least five

years prior to 1907, the straight-out Socialist movement wasn't regarded as a circumstance containing any of the elements of danger whatever. It gave the Labor Party a useful service in the country districts, because it furnished evidence that the Labor members' protestations that their Party was not a Socialist party were eminently correct while in the city it could never command a sufficient voting strength to even menace the hold of the professional Labor politicians on the constituencies.

With the beginning of 1907, however, the International Socialist movement, hitherto a latent but developing force, was definitely organised in Sydney, and at once took its place as the recognised fighting party of the working class. Its first great fight was on the industrial field. Next to the Coal Lumpers' Union, it was the active factor that made so successful a resistance to the lockout of the coal lumpers by Sydney stevedores. It furnished such fighting strength as was displayed in connection with the Tram strike—broken by the Labor Party—and in its backing-up of the Rockchoppers, the daring and fearless fight made by both the unionists and Socialists had made the defeat of Mr. Wade

certain had the fight lasted—had the Labor Council found itself able to rise to the occasion.

At Broken Hill, the Barrier Socialist Group has held its meetings in the Hippodrome, and has also established itself in the mining city as THE force that has to be reckoned with on both the industrial and political field. As Tom Mann has made clear in a recent "Barrier Truth," it was through the influence of the Barrier Socialist Group that the combined unions were able to reach their present standard of organisation. As a result of its successful educational work in the economic field, it is only a matter of time when Broken Hill will reject the politics of the middle-class and express itself politically through the Barrier Socialist Group. Therefore, both the Wade party and the McGowen party are agreed that the Barrier Group must be crushed.

As matters now stand, the S.F.A. is a menacing circumstance to capitalist interests on the industrial field, because in every industrial fight its members are on the side of the working class; and they are regarded as all the more dangerous because it is fully recognised that they are the only party capable of making

a really serious fight. No promise of jail terrifies them in the least; no threatened loss of votes affects them in any way whatever—they are not vote-catchers. On the political field, they are like the hand-writing on the wall to the two other parties. They have already shown that they are capable of giving expression at the ballot to the growing strength that is behind them; and in the great industrial centres they can assert themselves as the determining factor on polling day.

Naturally, the central strength of Socialist organisation in Sydney concentrates at Winston Hall. There Sunday after Sunday our audiences pack the building to overflowing. There new members give in their names; there, too, to some extent our financial strength is added to. There our educational work is persisted in.

What wonder, then, if the Wade Government and the Labor Party—both standing for middle-class interests—should practically combine to place on the Statute Book a law forbidding the holding of any further Socialist meetings at Winston Hall.

This law was allowed to go through all its stages in the Legislative Assembly without

protest from the Labor Party, and when it reached the Council, only one Labor member—Mr. J. Hepher—was sufficiently concerned about working-class interests to make a stand against the measure. On his motion, the clause prohibiting Sunday night meetings was struck out. This amendment was, however, disagreed with in the Assembly, and the Bill was returned to the Council with the struck-out clause re-inserted; the Government whip was cracked, and the clause was accepted by the Council in the form desired by Mr. Wade and his supporters—labor and otherwise.

The clauses framed to reach the Socialists are numbered 18 and 19, and these set forth that—

18. (1) If any person holds a public entertainment or public meeting in any theatre, public hall, or other building of a permanent character, not being a theatre, or public hall, in respect of which a license in that behalf is in force he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50 for every day during which such public entertainment or public meeting is so held.

(2) If any person being the owner or lessee of a theatre, public hall, or other building of a permanent character, not being a theatre or public hall in respect of which a license in that behalf is in force, lets the same, or receives rent in respect of the same, or knowingly permits the same to be used for a public en-

tertainment or public meeting, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50.

19. If a public entertainment or public meeting is held in a theatre or public hall licensed under this Act on any Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, the person so holding such public entertainment or public meeting, and the owner or lessee under whom or by whose authority such person occupies the said theatre or hall, or holds such entertainment, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100; provided that this section shall not apply to the use, with the previous approval of the Minister, of a theatre or public hall for sacred concerts on any such day.

While this measure is aimed principally at the Socialists, it will reach hundreds of others. No trade union will be permitted to hold a Sunday meeting; no secular society, philosophical society, spiritualist organisation, etc., will be allowed to meet on Sunday; and even the Rev. Carr-Smith will find himself compelled to close down his Sunday evening discussions at St. James's school-room. It is one of the most intolerable laws ever yet placed on the Statute Book by a class-driven Government—which now should really go another step towards logicality and start the curfew bell ringing in every N.S.W. town.

But the Wade Government and its Labor Party supporters in this piece of legalised vil-

lainy can rest assured that when they get up against the International Socialist movement, it's not the Sydney Labor Council, with the segregating tendencies and conflicting influences of politically interested personalities, that has to be fought. If they are determined that Socialist propaganda on Sunday nights must cease, then the International Socialists will give Australia an opportunity to witness the biggest fight that has ever yet taken place under the Southern Cross. And when the battle is ended the funeral won't be that of the Socialists.

Adelaide is jubilant over Jack London's promised visit, and the Socialists are getting ready to make things hum.

The capitalist class relies upon the confusion it can spread among the working class to perpetuate its rule. Its papers and its politicians have long proclaimed that the interests of the capitalist class and the working class are identical, and with brazen impudence attempted to maintain that the capitalist furnishes the working class not alone with the machinery of production, but also with bread and butter. The working class, constituting two-thirds of the voting population, and producing all the wealth, is awakening to the fact that the lion's share of its product is stolen by the capitalists. When they fully realize that, good bye capitalism.—New York "People."

Salmagundi.

Cabmen's delegate Fletcher told Sydney Labor Council a harrowing tale of the class treatment meted out to cabmen by the Sydney Courts and police administration; and, after having proclaimed that the cabmen would seek redress in the Industrial Court, he glared at the press table where the "Review" representative sat, and anathematised the men who "would cut the Labor Party's throat; and who talked of opposing Labor men at the Federal elections." Mr. Fletcher was awarded a little applause—ironical and otherwise—when he made his declamation against the Socialists; and quite a number of delegates forgot to ask why no Labor member had yet moved in the House with regard to the cabmen's grievances. But then perhaps the Labor Party hasn't had time—it's only been about 18 years in the House altogether.

The upholders of capitalism appear to outnumber those who are against capitalism. Capitalism is a detriment to society, and it is only tolerated because Socialist science has not yet been able to reach enough of the people to reveal to them their error in upholding capitalism. Error cannot in the end prevail against the steady rays of reason.—New York "People."

Victor Grayson (Socialist) stood practically alone in making his fight for the unemployed in the House of Commons—a fight that brought about his expulsion. He refused to permit parliamentary business to proceed while people were starving in the streets, and when the whole House yelled at him, he retorted, "Well-fed human beings may say, Order, Order! but the unemployed are being goaded into disorder." "I am willing to leave the House," he told them, "because I feel degraded by the company I find myself in." As he went out, he turned to the Labor members, and exclaimed, "They are traitors to their class who refuse to stand by their class."

William E. Bohn writes in the American "I.S. Review" under a misconception re Australian Socialists and their attitude towards the I.W.W. He assumes that the Socialist movement is a purely political concern—which most emphatically it is not. Comrade Bohn also misses the main point in the controversy. My contention all along has been that the I.W.W. cannot be more than the fighting industrial wing of the Socialist movement. Members of Sydney I.W.W. Club declared that the I.W.W. alone would constitute the Socialist movement, ignoring altogether the fact that by reason of its constitution the I.W.W. can't take in all the proletariat. And now comes word of the transformation of the American I.W.W. into a movement with a distinct Anarchist trend. —H.E.H.

"The working man is the best thing that ever happened. He works for nothing, and boards himself, and pays the capitalist for the

privilege of working for nothing and boarding himself."—E. T. Kingsley.

Writing to the chairman of the Melbourne Unemployed, Father E. J. Kelly, of St. Brigid's, North Fitzroy, declared:—"Of course, these periodical seasons of unemployment are bound to come on under present economic conditions, and nothing will ever stop them, for they are in the very nature of things, according to the present competitive system. I am glad to see that you are making a noise in Melbourne, as unless you do so, the ruling and moneyed class have become so callous and selfish that, without a noise—and a big one too—your efforts to draw attention to your wants and rights will never be heeded."

On Saturday last, in the Illawarra Colliery Employees' Association elections, the general secretary, Mr. T. R. Morgan, was defeated by an overwhelming majority—over 400 votes. While the "Review" has no personal quarrel whatever with Mr. Morgan, it regards the vote as one of the healthiest signs of this year, because it expresses the collective disapproval of the southern miners the attitude taken up by Mr. Morgan in the various prosecutions against the wheelers—especially in the Helensburgh and Bulli cases. In the latter case, it will be remembered that Mr. Holman was briefed to plead guilty for the prosecuted wheelers, and to tell the Judge how sorry they were that the wheelers had dared to stand up like unionists for their rights. Now the miners have spoken—and in lifting Mr. Morgan down they have practically censured Mr. Holman.

Who is that purblind individual talking about the "rights of capital?" How can capital have any rights when it is the product of labor? The dearly beloved capitalist may bring forth his "claims," but with a Lick telescope you cannot discern even the shadow of a solitary capitalist "right."—New York "People."

Paul Pantano—warm-hearted and enthusiastic as ever—has returned to Sydney from northern Queensland, where he has been cane-cutting for the people who score bonuses for "white grown" sugar. In a later "Review" Paul will tell how the "white" men who do the work for the subsidised sweaters are treated.

Who knows but that all the "troubles in the Balkans" were but moves on the part of "idle capital" for an investment! The announcement that a loan to Turkey of \$250,000,000 comes together with the announcement that "there will be peace."—New York "People."

The elector who sells his vote for a promise is on a level with the one who sells it for money. The only difference is that the one who sells his vote for money gets something, but the one who sells it for a promise gets nothing.—"Western Clarion."

The capitalist class rules society because it owns as its private property the means whereby we live. The rule of the capitalist class cannot be broken so long as the workers are filled with the superstition that the capitalists have a "right" to the private ownership of the means of production and distribution.—Exchange.

"You workers are the backbone of the nations," said the politician. True enough. But why should the backbone be compelled to bear alone all the burdens of the social body? Is it right that the backbone, the conservator of life, should be so miserably lean and scraggy through overwork and inanition, while other unimportant parts of the social anatomy wax fat through idleness and overfeeding?—New York "People."

If Socialism is a "dream," or a far off thing, why is it that the capitalist papers spend so much time on it?

Vic. Socialist Party assistant-secretary Laidler writes: "We are holding a general meeting on Thursday night of this week to pick electorates and select candidates for Vic. elections, which take place on the 29th." Well done, Victoria! Likewise, Good Luck to you!

November number of the "Flame" reaches Sydney just as the "Review" goes to press this week. It is a fine fighting number, and sheds a lot of light on recent Barrier events. Subscribe for the "Flame"—it will cost you just one penny a time.

Socialists have gained a notable victory in the election for the Lower-Austrian Landtag. In Elorisdof comrade Seiss is re-elected. In Ottakring and Favoriten four new seats have been gained. In Bruck Dr. Renner, who is also elected for Eavoriten, defeated the Christian-Social. There is great rejoicing amongst the Vienna Socialists.

The S.F.A. press is in a healthier

condition to-day than ever before. Australia has never previously had the fighting journalistic force represented by the "Review," the "Flame," and the "Socialist."

Melbourne "Socialist" brightens up under Bob Ross's editorship.

The "Flame" for November is calculated to blister the brassy complexion of the "Barrier Daily Untruth."

Sydney Socialist Sunday School was well attended on Sunday last. Comrade Beck delivered an address on "Karl Marx," and a number of recitations were given by the scholars. At the close of the proceedings Comrade Rundle presented each child with a photo of a group of the scholars. New scholars are enrolled every Sunday afternoon.

Socialist candidate Kingsley polled 1138 votes in the Vancouver (B.C.) Federal election in October.

Bietry, who was expelled as a police agent from the French Socialist Party some years ago, and who founded the yellow trade unions—the "blackleg unions"—has now succeeded in getting himself expelled from the Chamber of Deputies.

There were in Switzerland at the end of 1907, 2,949 share companies with a total share capital of 2,270,467,759 f., an increase during the year of 162 companies and 200,934 670 f. capital.

The cables report that all the members of the Social-Democratic committee at Moscow have been arrested. Russia's road to Human Freedom runs through Siberia—ex-

cept when it leads to the fortress, the firing party, or the gallows.

Twofold Bay "Magnet" has a poet who tells his Colonial Experience in verse, the following excerpt from which might be recommended to Britishers biting at General Booth's immigration hook:

I had a job, a bosker job,

Of plowing on a station,
'Neath summer skies all blazing hot
Where soothing winds and shades
are not,

For one must put up with a lot
When plowing on a station.

Long ere the sun-god lit the skies,
With crimson bars and golden,
Till sultry dark I used to toil
Upon the ever-sick'ning soil,
Until my blood would almost boil,
For wages quite ungolden.

Damper, treacle, and such like
Were not at all invitin'g;
The meat was full of long white
things,
The cakes had currants that wore
wings,

These are no crude imaginings
That I am wildly writing.

A peculiar aspect of the dispute between De Leon and the people at the head of the American I.W.W. movement is that De Leon has been clubbed with a bludgeon of his own making. Every tactic used against him was a De Leon tactic, and the points that were taken to defeat the brainy S.L.P. man, were things and points taught by De Leon himself to the people making use of them.

Tom Mann castigates "Barrier Truth" for its unwarranted attack on the Socialists of Broken Hill.

Comrade Bertelli (Italian), na-

tional organiser, while addressing 1000 persons at Boston (U.S.A.) on September 2, was arrested. English Socialists rallied to his assistance, and next evening Bertelli held a great meeting—and no further arrests were made.

The Swedish Socialist Birger Swahn has just been condemned to a year's hard labor for publishing a leaflet adapted from Tolstoy's writings. The leaflet appeared in 1902 in French in "l'Aurore" the paper of the present Prime Minister Clemenceau, and the only difference between that and the Swedish translation is in the latter the words are added: "Comrade, think of your duty to the fighting members of your class."

The International Socialists will hold a Christmas Tree Entertainment at the Sydney Manchester Unity Hall on Christmas Eve. Tickets are 1s each, and may be obtained from H. Borax, Club secretary, every evening at Winston Hall. Every child present will receive a gift; but purchasers of tickets must notify secretary as to number of children to accompany them.

The question of effectively supporting the socialist daily L'Avanti has been settled by the resolution of the national socialist convention at Florence, Italy, to increase the party dues and to pay for all party notices that shall appear in the paper. This will produce an extra yearly revenue of about £3,500, which will more than cover the annual deficit.

Monday evening's West Sydney election meeting will be held at the corner of Harris and Union-streets, Pyrmont. Socialists, please note.

Scott Bennett and H. E. Holland will speak at Helensburgh on Saturday night of this week. They will leave by the 1.35 train on Saturday afternoon. Members willing to form a visiting party should notify the Group Secretary not later than Friday evening.

It takes nearly 7000 of the working class to minister to the tables and persons of the wealthy classes in New Zealand.—New Zealand "Worker."

Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, supported Bryan's candidature for the U.S. Presidency, and when the matter was looked up it was found that six of Mr. Bryan's eight books did not bear the union label, and that at least two of them were printed in notorious scab shops. Gompers swears by the union label; but he wasn't going to let a little thing like that affect his support of the capitalist candidate.

By a unanimous vote the Austrian Reichsrath has forbidden the use of white phosphorus in the match factories, as a result of a moving and able speech by Dr. Victor Adler, the socialist leader.

The general elections for members of parliament in Sweden show that the socialists increased their seats from four in the last session to nine in the new parliament despite an unfair voting system. The conservative party, although still in control, lost eight seats, five of which were won by the "reds," two by the liberals, and one independent. The conservatives will have a rather narrow majority in the new parliament.

Meeting, Helensburgh, Saturday

Under the Red Flag.

* PROPAGANDA FUND.

IMPORTANT—International Socialist Club and Group members are notified that, in future, the Local Superintendents will make weekly calls on Members living in the Metropolitan Area, for the purpose of collecting Subscriptions and Contributions towards the Propaganda Fund, and delivering the "I. S. Review."

Collections for week ending December 5, 1908:

Per H. Borax—M. Schoenberger 3d, M. Schoenberger 3d, H. Voss 3d, Chr. Games 3d, H. Frochlich 3d, Th. Sievers 3d, H. Garlich 6d, F. Muller 6d, H. Mentzel 3d, E. Daube 3d, A. Dahm 6d, A. Sievers 6d, E. Borax 6d, H. Borax 6d, Fr Meyer 6d, L. Meyer 3d, J. Mayer 3d, Aug. Borax 6d, V. Veil 3d, H. Prien 3d, G. Oppermann 3d, A. Dettmer 6d, F. Savik 1s, R. Allen 1s, J. Theiss 6d, G. Wenzel 6d, H. Dierks 1s, O. Martin 2s, P. Dumont 1s, T. F. Anselme 1s.

Contributions other than those mentioned above will be acknowledged in our next issue.

CAMPAIGN FUND.

THE International Socialist Group Executive having decided to open a Federal Election Campaign Fund, donations towards same are hereby invited. Amounts received will be acknowledged in the "Review" from week to week.

Previously acknowledged, £3 7s 9d.

NOTWITHSTANDING the inclemency of the weather there was an excellent attendance at the International Socialists meeting in the Domain. Mrs.

Lorimer presided. In the evening at the Winston Hall there was the usual crowded attendance. Scott Bennett lectured upon "Anarchy plus the Policeman." Comrade Jorgensen was chairman; and Miss McCourt sang two pleasing solos, while the selections by the International Socialist Liedertafel elicited, as usual, warm applause.

Two excellent propaganda meetings were held on Sunday evening, one at Millers' Point and the other in Park-street, City. The speakers were Comrades Rundle (chair), Considine, Mrs. Lorimer, and Summers. Comrades Price and Mrs. Lynch spoke to a large audience at the Park-street meeting.

Scott Bennett will lecture in the Domain next Sunday on "The Salvation Army and the Public—a Review of Mr. John Manson's book." The Socialist Band will render selections, and a special collection will be taken up for the Propaganda Fund. In the evening at Winston Hall, Scott Bennett lectures on "The Salvation Army and Immigration."

Barrier Socialist Group secretary Arthur K. Wallace and Miss Lizzie Ahern are to be married next Tuesday. Every Socialist will wish them a lifetime of happiness.

The I.W.W. in America.

ACCORDING to Daniel De Leon, of the American S.L.P., the annual convention of the I.W.W. which met this year at Chicago has been making disastrous history. The clause in favor of political as well as industrial action has been completely struck out of the preamble, and, says De Leon, "all semblance of the I.W.W. has been wiped out." Reading De Leon's criticisms, one receives the impression that the future movements of the American I.W.W. will be rather along Anarchist lines.

De Leon's credentials (as delegate for the New York "Store and Office Workers' Union") were rejected, and a resolution was carried to the effect that no editor of a newspaper not wholly controlled by the I.W.W. shall be eligible for membership in the I.W.W. This puts De Leon completely outside of the pale of the I.W.W.—as undoubtedly was the intention of those responsible for the proposal.

Recently the Sydney I.W.W. Club resolved that the preamble could only be altered by an international convention, and it was also resolved in effect that any member attempting to make a change would render himself liable to expulsion.

The making of such very radical changes by a national convention is sure to call forth strong resentment here and in Britain. The principle of Industrial Unionism must stand—and will stand, but a determination that makes for stagnation and paralysis will sink the I.W.W. organisation out of sight. This turn of events in America will serve to emphasise the wisdom of the attitude of the Socialists of this country, who have insisted that the workers' bid for human freedom must be made solidly on both the industrial and the political field. The American S.L.P., when it declared that unionism without political organisation is a two-edged sword without a handle that will badly cut the people who monkey with it, stated a solid fact; and it appears to be that sort of two-edged instrument the American I.W.W. is fooling around with at the present time.

The advocacy of old age pensions is an indirect though none the less emphatic manner of declaring that the competitive wage system means the robbery of the workers.—"Wilshire's."

There will be no need for any one to go hungry when the capitalist system is got rid of, but there seemingly is a need that most of us should go hungry in order to learn that we must get rid of it.—"Wilshire's."

Debs in New York.

12,000 Persons Hear Him.

PERHAPS the most remarkable demonstration in the history of American politics was given Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president, by the working men of New York, October 5. A total of 12,000 persons heard the standard bearer—8,000 in the gigantic Hippodrome and 4,000 in the American theatre—and the streets were full of disappointed men and women who could not get inside the two auditoriums.

New York seemed turned into a socialistic city when the "Red Special" struck it. A great crowd met Debs at the station. It greeted him with an immense cheer and then escorted him through the streets, with waving hats and yelling throats, stopping the cars from sheer force of numbers from curb to curb.

The big Hippodrome was filled from floor to roof. Every seat had been sold weeks ago. Another theatre could easily have been filled had it been possible for the candidate to have held out under the strain and given justice to the meetings.

The enthusiasm was like the rush and uplift of a mighty wave. When Debs entered the Hippodrome the great audience rose with a shout that might have been heard around the world. Roar after roar succeeded each other, the cheering lasting for twenty minutes, breaking out again and again.

The speakers, besides Debs, were Jos. Wanhope, candidate for governor of New York, John Spargo, Morris Hillquit, Upton Sinclair, and Stanley J. Clark of Texas.

An immense reception was given Wanhope. Debs was tired, but he gathered strength as he spoke.

One point made by Wanhope swept the house with wild cheering. It was "Remember this, not a wheel or a shaft on the 'Red Special' is greased with Standard Oil."

Nearly every one in the audience, it seemed, carried a red handkerchief. Hundreds of girls wore red liberty caps.

The New York morning papers say that the socialist demonstration was the greatest ever given any candidate in the history of the city. They say that it resembled the great entrance of Lincoln into the city in the memorable campaign of 1860.

The World says: "The demonstration perhaps has never been equaled at a ratification meeting in New York."

The Herald says: "Such a demonstration has rarely been seen in the streets of New York. It seemed to be the outbursts of men and woman intensely interested."

The Times says: "His coming produced one of the most remarkable political demonstrations that this city has seen in many years—years of enthusiasm over presidential candidates. Then, in the middle of the program, came the collection."

Debs' speech, beside the talks of Bryan and Taft, is a monument of intelligence.

The occasion was historical and marked the turn of the working class in the greatest American city. It linked the Atlantic and the Pacific in the longest campaign trip ever made by any candidate. The entire city is impressed by the spectacular invasion and the events of the day.—Exchange.

Rocks and Bottles

THOUGH a lawyer is defined as "a learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it for himself," this by no means detracts from his value as a candidate for silly wage-plugs to support at election time.—"Western Clarion."

N.S.W. Labor-leader McGowen has declared in favor of the Wade subsidy to General Booth's religious sweat factory for immigration purposes; and a delegate at Sydney Labor Council on Thursday night contended that if they would only spend their money to put more McGowenites into Parliament the immigration trouble would vanish. Sounds like recommending overproof whisky to make a drunken man sober.

A great fight took place in the N.S.W. Assembly last week. The Wade Government proposed that FOUR SHILLINGS should be the minimum weekly wage payable in this State, and the Labor Party—determined to shatter with one mighty blow this villainous attempt at legalised sweating—fought almost uncompromisingly for a minimum of FIVE SHILLINGS—a whole shilling a week more than the Wade Gov. proposed to make legal. As we remarked some time back, if the Labor Party will persist in setting up revolutionary ideals of so startling a nature, isn't it likely to get itself denounced for a party of impossibilists? ("Impossible," by the way, is a terrifying word we have taken the liberty of borrowing from Brother Jones of "Barrier Truth.")

With Holman and Beeby and Hall and Hughes lawyering while drawing their parliamentary wages; with Arthur Griffith filling a second job as patents agent; with W. M. Hughes in a third paid billet as a journalist; and with quite a number of other Labor members living up to "one-man-several-jobs"—it does sound ludicrous that Sydney Labor Council (which gives its political support to the "one-man-as-many-billets-as-he-can-get" Labor member) should have struck such a fierce note of protest when one of Josiah Thomas's sweated postal employees was charged with having carried the hod on a building being erected for him—probably by some mortgage co. Why not start on the politicians and work downward?

When I die I wish but two words written on my tombstone—"Infidel" and "Traitor." Infidel to a church that could be at peace in the presence of Sin; Traitor to a Government that was a magnificent conspiracy against Justice.—WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Vic. Government—like ours of N.S.W.—is holding out to the British worker the luring lie about billets that are available at 8s and 10s a day. A Socialist member of an unemployed deputation flabbergasted the Vic. Premier the other day by asking where those billets—as advertised in British papers—were to be found. The Premier didn't know. He didn't even fall back on American President-elect Taft's feeble "God knows."

Wonderful are the vote-catching ways of the professional politician. In the N.S.W. Legislative Assembly, Mr. W. A. Holman, deputy leader of the Labor Party (speak-

ing officially for the Labor Party on the Industrial Disputes Amendment Bill), said: "I DO NOT SUGGEST FOR A MOMENT THAT IT SHOULD BE AN ACT WHICH, ON ALL OCCASIONS, SHOULD FAVOR THE UNIONIST TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE EMPLOYER." (See "Hansard," page 2817, Nov. 25, 1908.) The Labor Party isn't going to risk offending its middle-class voters, anyhow.

Labor member Beeby admits the "RIGHT" of the non-unionist:—"It is open to the Premier, IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE RIGHT OF NON-UNIONISTS ON EXCEPTIONAL OCCASIONS, to meet the matter by providing that the Court shall in all cases have the absolute right to appoint Boards without election, and reserving to the Court the power, if it thinks fit, to in some way PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THOSE OUTSIDE THE ORGANISATION." (See "Hansard," page 2827, Nov. 25, 1908.) What will Sydney Labor Council say to that plea for the conservation of the Rights of Non-Unionism?

Labor member Edden states the position of the Labor Party on the Industrial Disputes Amendment Bill: "WE HAVE TO DEPEND SOLELY UPON THE GOODWILL OF THE PREMIER HIMSELF." (See "Hansard," page 2830, Nov. 25, 1908.)

Labor member Griffith (who was popularly supposed to be against the Sledgehammer Law) has made his position clear:—"The ONLY SATISFACTORY MEANS for the settlement of industrial disputes is a tribunal in which organised labor

on the one hand and the employers on the other are represented." (See "Hansard," page 2831, Nov. 25, 1908.) You mustn't attempt to wipe out the fellow who robs you; you must just sit down and discuss with him the exact amount of which he shall rob you. This is the Labor Party's ONLY satisfactory way!

The Federal Labor Gov. is determined to justify its existence as a working-class party. On Monday its principal members played cricket against a team of Government House johnnies led by Lord Dudley, who sweats a yearly fortune out of the British coal and rural workers. As the Labor Party does not admit the existence of the class war, there was no clashing of interests, and the best of good feeling prevailed.

In view of the Vic. Labor Party's attempt—an attempt that will be vain—to chloroform Vic. Socialist Party, the following makes healthy reading in Melbourne "Socialist":—"It is satisfactory to read that Hyndman and V. Grayson, M.'sP., refuse to appear on the same platform with Keir Hardie, M.P. Clear and clean-cut issues must be our strength. Our cause is not parties in Parliament, or sorts of methods of government; we have no time for these. Our work is to alter the social system, and the less we have to do with the Labor or any other party, save our own, the better. If the Labor Party had a clean sheet on which to write all that shall be, and all that shall not be the law of the land, their platform would not help our cause in any way. They would leave individual ownership the same grasping, insatiable dragon, and competition the same cut-throat monster."

About Private Property.

You are horrified because we would abolish private property. But in your existing society private property is already abolished for nine-tenths of the population; the essential for its existence is that it shall not exist for these nine-tenths. Thus you reproach us with desiring to abolish a form of property the necessary condition of whose existence is that the great majority of society shall be entirely propertiless.

In one word, you reproach us because we would abolish your property. Precisely so; that is our intention. From the moment when labor can no longer be converted into capital, money, rent—briefly, into a social power capable of being monopolized, i. e., from the moment when individual property can no longer be converted into bourgeois property, into capital, from that moment you declare the individual is suppressed.

You confess, therefore, that by "individual" you merely mean bourgeois, the bourgeois owner of property. And this individual must certainly be abolished.

Communism deprives none of the power to appropriate his social product, it only deprives

him of the power to subjugate the labor of others by this appropriation.

It has been objected that upon the abolition of private property all activity will cease and society be plunged in universal laziness. If that were so, bourgeois society would have been ruined long since by idleness; for those who work gain nothing, and those who gain do not work. The whole objection merely expresses the tautology that there can be no more wage-labor so soon as there is no more capital.

All objections urged against the communistic mode of production and appropriation of the material product have equally been urged against its mode of producing and appropriating intellectual products.

Just as, for the bourgeoisie, the disappearance of class property is the disappearance of production itself, so, for him, the disappearance of class culture means the disappearance of culture altogether.

That culture, whose loss he deplures, is for the enormous majority merely a culture towards functioning as a machine. But do not dispute with us so long as you apply to the abolition of bourgeois property the standard of your ideas of freedom, culture, justice, etc. Your very ideas

themselves are but products of bourgeois conditions of production and property, as your justice is but the will of your class uplifted into law; a will whose character is determined by the material conditions of existence of your class.

You share with every interested ruling class the interested conception which causes you to transform into eternal laws of nature and reason the social relations which result from your historically changing relations of production and property. What you perceive in the case of ancient property, what you perceive in the case of feudal property, you dare not admit in the case of bourgeois property.—Karl Marx.

Vic. "Labor Call" declares that in W. M. Hughes will be the selected candidate of the Labor Leagues and Industrial Unions in West Sydney—an absolute misstatement so far as the unions are concerned. The Labor Unions have declared emphatically against militarism, and Mr. Hughes has publicly repudiated them by touring the country in favor of compulsory militarism—a thing cursed most vigorously by the "Labor Call" itself.

Referring to the International Socialist candidature in West Sydney, Vic. "Labor

Call" says: "Holland is specially addressing his appeal to men and woman of the working class," and the "Call" hazards the opinion that "division is an odd way of promoting class solidarity." Apparently the "Labor Call" objects to middle-class lawyers and enemies of the working-class being opposed by straight-out working-class candidates.

Rev. Schaafer has got loose again at Broken Hill. This time it's an attack on Miss Lizzie Ahern, and the parson throws out a barefaced hint to the Proprietary Co. to see that the Socialists are bumped out of the Hippodrome. Those Sunday night lectures apparently interfere with Mr. Schaafer's Sunday evening performances.

WEST SYDNEY FEDERAL ELECTION.

H. E. HOLLAND

(The Selected Socialist Candidate)

SUPPORTED by SOCIALIST SPEAKERS

Will address the West Sydney

Electors as under.....

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MONDAY, DEC. 21—The Glebe.

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J. HIRSCH,

MARY STREET, AUBURN.

Send me a Card, and I will call on you.

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WHAT WE WANT.

By James Jeffrey Roche, in N.Y. "Socialist."

We are the hewers and delvers who toil for another's gain;
The common clod, and the rabble, stunted of brow and brain.
What do we want, the gleaners, of the harvest we have reaped?
What do we want, the neuters, of the honey we have heaped?

We want the drones to be driven away from our golden hoard;
We want to share in the harvest, we want to sit at the board;
We want what sword or suffrage has never yet won for man;
The fruits of his toil God promised when the curse of toil began.

What matter if king or consul or president holds the rein,
If crime and poverty ever be links in the bondsman's chain?
What careth the burden bearer that Liberty packed his load,
If hunger presses behind him with a sharp and ready goad?

There's a serf whose chains are of paper; there's a king with a parchment crown;
There are robber knights and brigands in factory, field, and town,
But the vassal pays his tribute to a lord of wage and rent;
And the baron's toil is Shylock's with a flesh and blood per cent.

The seamstress bends to her labor all night in a narrow room;
The child, defrauded of childhood, tiptoes all day at the loom;
The soul must starve, for the body can barely on husks be fed;
And the loaded dice of the gambler settles the price of bread.

Ye have shorn and bound the Samson, and robbed him of learning's light;
But his sluggish brain is moving; his sinews have all their might,
Look well to your gates of Gaza, your privilege, pride, and caste.
The giant is blind but thinking, and his locks are growing fast.

Panics and Workingmen

THE means of production and exchange, on whose basis the bourgeoisie built itself up, were generated in feudal society. At a certain stage of the development of these means of production and exchange, the conditions under which feudal society produced and exchanged, feudal organization of agriculture and manufacture, in one word, feudal property relations, become no longer compatible with the already developed productive forces. They hampered production instead of aiding it. They became so many fetters. They had to be burst asunder; they were burst asunder.

Into their place stepped free competition, with its corresponding social and political constitution, with the economic and political rule of the bourgeois class.

Under our own eyes a similar movement is going on. Bourgeois conditions of production and exchange, bourgeois property relations, modern bourgeois society which has conjured up such gigantic means of production and exchange, is like a magician who is no longer able to control the infernal powers he has evoked. For many years the history of industry and commerce has been but the his-

tory of the revolt of modern productive forces against modern conditions of production, against the property relations which are the conditions of life for the bourgeois and its rule. It is enough to mention the commercial crises which, in their periodical recurrence, bring into question, each time more threateningly, the existence of the whole of bourgeois society. In these crises a great part, not only of existing products, but also of previously created productive forces, are periodically destroyed. In these crises a social epidemic breaks out, which would have seemed an absurdity in all previous epochs—the epidemic of over-production. Society finds itself suddenly thrown back into a state of momentary barbarism; a famine, a universal war of devastation, seems to have cut off the supply of all means of life. Industry and commerce seem to be destroyed—and why? Because there is too much civilization, too much of the means of life, too much industry, too much commerce. The productive forces at the disposal of society are no longer favorable to the development of bourgeois property conditions; on the contrary, they have become too powerful for these conditions, by which they are fettered;

and so soon as they free themselves from these fetters they bring disorder into the whole of bourgeois society, they endanger the existence of bourgeois property. The bourgeois system has become too narrow to contain the wealth which it creates. How does the bourgeois overcome these crises? On the one hand, by compelling the destruction of a mass of productive forces; on the other hand, by the conquest of new markets and the more thorough exploitation of the old markets. And with what result? With the result that they pave the way for more widespread and more destructive crises, and at the same time diminish the means whereby those crises can be avoided.

The weapons with which the bourgeoisie conquered feudalism are now turned against the bourgeoisie itself.

But the bourgeoisie has not only torped the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also produced the men who will wield these weapons—the modern workers, the PROLETARIANS.

In proportion as the bourgeoisie, i.e., capital, is developed, in the same proportion is developed the Proletariat, the class of modern workers, who live only so long as they

find work, and who only find work so long as their work increases capital. These workers, forced to sell themselves piecemeal, are a commodity like every other article of commerce, and are consequently exposed to all the vicissitudes of competition, and all the fluctuations of the market.—Marx and Engels.

A "practical" suggestion from "Barrier Truth," official Labor paper:—"Let Sydney newspapers assist us to get the reasonable railway facilities which would cheapen our wood supply, and to that extent help the mines to pay decent wages AND FAIR DIVIDENDS, and hasten the Umberumberka water scheme, WHICH WILL PUT £60,000 A YEAR INTO THE COMPANIES, POCKETS." After which the editor went out and thanked God that he was not like unto the Impossibleists of Barrier Socialist Group. And immediately the cock crew thrice.

"Barrier Truth" could give the ordinary crayfish yards start and then beat it badly in a speedy backward sprint.

The money that will have changed hands before the Federal Capital site is finally determined will be something more than a small fortune.

Elections cannot be won for us without persistent education, and education is not possible without organization.

A Socialist Marriage.

Mr. A. K. Wallace and Miss Lizzie Abern.

Mr. Arthur Wallace and Miss Lizzie Abern, the two well-known members of the Socialist party, were married this morning, Dec. 10th. The ceremony, which was devoid of any religious character, was performed at the Court House, Major Crane, P.M. and Registrar of Marriages, being the officiating officer. The bride, who was simply and neatly attired in white, and the bridegroom were accompanied by Mr. Tom Mann and Mr. E. H. Gray, who acted the important and legally-essential offices of witnesses.

The ceremony occupied about a quarter of an hour. The bride was described as "Elizabeth Abern, of Broken Hill, Socialist agitator and Spinster," and stated that she was born at Ballarat 28 years ago, and was the daughter of Edmund Abern, a miner by occupation. The bridegroom was described as: "Arthur Knight Wallace, of Broken Hill, secretary and bachelor," and gave his age as 28 years, having been born at Yack, South Australia, and the son of Mr. Andrew Wallace, a well-known storekeeper of that town.

The couple first made a solemn declaration that they were both desirous of being married, and both had conscientious objections to being married by a minister of religion. This declaration having been duly signed by both, they subscribed a further declaration that so far as they knew there was no impediment either by kindred relationship, previous marriage, etc., to their union. Then came

the declaration and signing of the fatal bond, which was in this form: "I, Arthur Knight Wallace, do hereby declare in the presence of Frederick William Charles Crane, Police Magistrate, of the State of New South Wales, and Registrar of Marriages for the district of Broken Hill, that I take Elizabeth Abern to be my lawful wife." The bride made a similar declaration with the transposition of the names and the substitution of "husband" for "wife."

The next stage was the signing of the certificate, which in accordance with the custom, the lady signed first. Then Mr. Wallace signed, and Mr. Tom Mann and Mr. Gray duly appended their signatures to the fateful document, which was signed in duplicate, one copy being handed by Major Crane to Mrs. Arthur Wallace, and the other copy will be forwarded to the Registrar-General in Sydney.

The bride received the hearty congratulations of the officiating registrar and the two witnesses.

Mr. Mann also exercised the right of a fatherly witness by giving the bride the first kiss after the ceremony, but he took a rather sharp advantage, for he committed this courteous and congratulatory act while Mr. Wallace was still engaged in placing his signature to the certificate. The signatures of the contracting parties were both appended in firm handwriting, and the couple having fulfilled the obligations of the law, and paid the accompanying fee of £1, withdrew as man and wife, accompanied by Mr. Mann and Mr. Gray, who, doubtless, had the marriage been performed in a church, would have played the parts of paternal giver-away of the bride and best man respectively—"Barrier Miner"

1908 Christmas Tree.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS are again reminded that the Club will hold its Christmas Tree Entertainment on Christmas Eve in the Manchester Unity Hall. Tickets are one shilling each for adults, Children under 14 will be admitted free if accompanied by parents. Parents, when securing tickets, must notify the secretary of the number of children they intend to bring; each ticket will be made out to admit the number of children so specified, and gifts will be provided for the number of children indicated. No ticket will admit more children than the number indicated thereon; and members are notified that tickets will not be sold at the door—they must be procured from the secretary before the date of entertainment. The secretary—H. Borax—will be present at the Club rooms, 274 Pitt-street, Sydney, every evening to dispose of tickets, and receive particulars as to number of children, etc. See that YOU apply for your tickets early; they are selling rapidly, and the 1908 Christmas Tree promises to prove a greater success than any of its predecessors.

Factory legislation, prospective or secured, has won for the Labor Party its place in Parliament. Now the goal is won, matters are just as they were, for men are so frightened of unemployment that they dare not tell the truth. The idol which workers have made of the Labor cause proves to have feet of clay. Factory legislation is an infallible life-buoy for sinking toilers. IF IT WOULD ONLY FLOAT.—Vic. "Socialist."

At Sydney Labor Council, an executive member, Mr. Glynn, declared that strikes were a thing of the past, and "conciliation" was to be the policy of the future. Mr. Connell—the most reactionary member—reminded the Council that a resolution was still standing on its books to the effect that the strike was to be regarded as the only method for settling industrial disputes. Mr. Connell also put forth a vigorous plea for the methods of craft unionism; while Mr. Ware (of the plumbers), solemnly pronounced, "Strikes are bloodthirsty."

A matter brought forward by a delegate at last Sydney Labor Council meeting—which the press was requested not to report—conclusively demonstrated the utter failure of Arbitration and the Wages Board System.

Mr. Holman takes sides with Mr. Wade against the industrial unions:—"I urge the House to accept the suggestion I make in all good faith, and in all friendliness to the principle of the [Industrial Disputes] Act, OF WHICH I HAVE BEEN AN UNSWERVING SUPPORTER." (See "Hansard," page 3058, December 1st, 1908.)

A move is being made to whitewash Bob Hollis in re the Tram Strike. A joint committee of four from Sydney Labor Council, four from the Tram Union remnant, and four from the Loco. Engine Drivers and Firemen, is to do the job. The "Review" fears the black won't come off.

Christmas Tree Entertainment—
Christmas Eve.

Accidents will Happen!

(By "Super.")

"ACCIDENTS will Happen!"—One miner in every four meets with an accident each year. See what it means? It means a Bulli and Mount Kembla disaster—the latter with a death roll of over a hundred men—a fall of roof here, a breaking of a cable there an explosion of gas elsewhere, and grief and suffering everywhere. One in four of the manliest of our men, one in four of the kindest and bravest hearts that beat, one in four of a patient and long-suffering class who bury themselves for half the day, in a foul and treacherous atmosphere, that their dependants may be fed, and clothed, and educated. One in four of the sturdy wage-slaves, who risk their lives again and again, day after day, at the call of the capitalist,—he who only meets with such an accident as apoplexy, resultant from continued bouts of champagne drinking and gluttony.

According to Coghlan, the ratio in Australia is abnormal for all accidents. Abnormal! Meaning that working conditions in this young country are worse than in the old world.

Reader, let me draw your

attention to the statistics collected by Blatchford in "Britain for the British," pages 15 onward. He places the death rate, from all causes, at 10 per thousand among the well-to-do, and from 20 to 70 per thousand among the working classes. Read the rest for yourself. It will stand reading and re-reading.

EDITOR, "The Review,"—My attention has been forcibly directed to the comments in your last issue regarding the defeat of Mr T. R. Morgan for the Southern Miners general secretaryship.

"The Review" regards the vote which defeated Mr. Morgan as "one of the healthiest signs of the year," because it expresses the collective disapproval of the Southern miners of the attitude taken up by Mr. Morgan, concerning prosecutions against Helensburgh and Bulli wheelers, and refers to the bringing of Mr. Holman to plead guilty for the Bulli wheelers. I know not where you information connecting Mr. Morgan with Mr. Holman in the Bulli cases came from, but I have been officially informed that your published assertions thereon are without foundation. Regarding Helensburgh wheelers, I remem-

ber stating in conversation with you that the wheelers felt aggrieved at Mr Morgan's attitude in their recent prosecutions, but I forgot to tell you that during a recent strike of Helensburgh wheelers the gentleman who has defeated Mr. Morgan moved at a meeting that the miners resume work, and if wheelers were absent miners should take their horses. The cause of Socialism has neither gained nor lost by the election, and the comments in the "Review" are, to say the least of it, unfair to Mr. Morgan. They should not have appeared is the honest opinion of—Yours, etc.,
MAGDALENE.

Speaking on the Theatres and Public Halls Bill, in the N.S.W. Assembly, Mr. Holman said "he entirely agreed with the hon. member for Belmore in acquitting the Minister of any unfairness or any desire to do anything but what was right." To legislate away the right of the Socialists to hold Sunday meetings is evidently then to do what is right!

The capitalist politicians tell workingmen that their masters would rather rob white workingmen than red or yellow ones.—Exchange.

Great news for the starving unemployed! "Notwithstanding that the king looks pale, he is able to walk with his usual energy."

D.: "I want a better job." F.: "So do I." D.: "Kick me out and give me High Commissionership, then you take my billet." F.: "Done; but suppose the people see the move?" D.: "Oh! I shall have a permanent position, and you resign rather than shrink from your platform; you will be hero, martyr for the cause, and all that sort of thing." F.: "Good as gold. I'm your man."—"Socialist"

That pleasing thrill that permeates the anatomy of the gullible sucker when he receives the hearty campaign handshake from the candidate just before election, causeth the gullible one to lose his head and commit political folly. The vigorous application of the hob-nailed boot after election, brings him to his senses and causes him to accumulate wisdom. That is, if his gullibility has not become petrified.—"Western Clarion."

At last Sydney Labor Council meeting, among the notices of motion was one condemning the action of Labor Attorney-General Hughes in accepting employment as a journalist on a Sydney daily while drawing his salary as a Minister of the Crown. The "Daily Telegraph" didn't mention the incident.

On Tuesday the S.F.A. general secretary had an hour's chat with the Rev. W. E. Bromilow—the genial New Guinea missionary—with regard to Papuan affairs, treatment of the natives, etc. An article dealing with this subject from a Socialist viewpoint will appear in a later "Review."

A working class that would allow an Industrial Disputes Act to exist for 12 months would hire itself out as a doormat.—"The Flame."

Sparks from The Flame

A cause without an enemy isn't worthy of a friend.

Reform is the coquetry of compromise with the lips of circumstance.

Profit is the sacrifice of the ignorant to the avarice of the degraded.

Constitutions are the cages of nations.

Suavity is as valuable to the capitalist class as the web to the spider.

Monarchy is the World's ineptitude exalted by the World's parasitism.

The highest morals are the irreligious ones.

Bribery is the freemasonry of Scoundrelism.

The descent of (Tom) Mann is the hope of the "Age."

The experience of mankind has run in nearly uniform channels; human necessities in similar conditions have been substantially the same; and the operations of the mental principle have been uniform in virtue of the specific identity of the brain of all the races of mankind.—LEWIS MORGAN.

Nowadays grime and noise spell prosperity.—A. Truscott.

IN GERMANY.

THE number of Socialists in the Prussian Landtag is, as Dr. Karl Liebknecht is still in prison, only six. In order to bring in a Bill it is necessary to have 15 signatures, for an interpellation 30 signatures. Therefore, the Socialists cannot introduce any measure without help from some other party. The only two groups which can be thought of for this purpose are the Poles and the Radicals. Twice the Socialists have failed to get the required number of signatures, and they anticipate a similar difficulty with Bills which they wish to introduce with regard to the franchise and the abolition of the hiring system of country laborers and servants, etc.

A new work by Karl Kautsky, "Der Ursprung des Christentums" (The origin of Christianity), has just been published by Dietz, Stuttgart. Price unbound, 5 m.; bound, 5 m. 75 pfs.

The nobleness of life depends upon its consistency.—RUSKIN.

For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight:

His can't be wrong whose life is in the right.—POPE.

Some one asked Max Nordau to define the difference between genius and insanity. "Well," said the author of "Degeneration," the lunatic is, at least, sure of his board and clothes."

Jack London

Round the World Trip Abandoned

Lecture Arrangements Off.

AUSTRALIAN Socialists will learn with very great regret that owing to Jack London's illness having proved of a far more serious nature than at first appeared to be the case, he has decided to abandon his round-the-world trip, sell the *Snark*, cancel all engagements, and return to his home in the United States as soon as he is well enough to travel.

Mr. and Mrs. London are both keenly disappointed at the turn which affairs have taken, as also are the members of the S.F.A. Executive, who deeply sympathise with our travelling comrades. The following letter conveys its own message:

St. Malo Hospital,
Ridge-street, North Sydney,
December 8, 1908.

Dear Comrade Holland,—

I find that I am more seriously ill than I thought. I have had the fourth doctor to see me to-day. I shall now engage myself purely in pursuit of health. When I tell you that I am abandoning my voyage around the world you will understand how serious is my change of plan, and you will also understand, I am sure, when I ask you to make no further arrangements for my lecturing, and when I tell you that I am writing a similar letter to Mr. Southwell, and that I shall give no lectures whatever in Australia. I am not a bit happy over it, but it is the only thing to be done.

Regretting deeply the bother this will cause you,

Yours for the Revolution,
JACK LONDON.

To Correspondents.

L.T.M., Grenfell.—The trouble with the L.P. is that its politics are based wholly on a middle-class conception of economics. That's why it deliberately stands for bonuses to blackleg iron concerns, and for compulsory militarism, in defiance of the resolutions of the industrial organisations. The Labor Party repudiates Socialism, and for the Socialists to become part of an organisation that declaims against the Socialist attitude would be quite absurd. But do you really think the L.P. is going straight even on its elected platform? Think again? What, then, about the Bonus Bill, Conscription, the Post Office sweating horror, the perpetuated slavery in Papua—and the rest of it? Your business is to take your place in the ranks of the fighting party of the working-class—the party of Revolutionary Socialism. Finally, your arguments against the attitude of the Socialists are exactly the arguments used by the old "democratic" Protectionists when the Labor Party was first brought into existence.

P.T., West Wallsend.—Even if it were conceded that the proposals before Sydney Labor Council are fundamentally sound, there would still remain

the weaknesses in vital matters of detail. No one has yet attempted to explain why Sydney is to be treated differently to the other industrial centres. Before the present scheme could be seriously entertained, the Sydney Council must take its place on the same proportional level as the other District Councils—Sydney must, in fact, become a District Council, with the whole of the District Councils electing the Central Executive. Under the present scheme, Sydney will practically be the Labor Council of N.S.W., with the outlying District Councils ranking little better than organised dependencies, or industrial "Crown Colonies."

"MAGDALINE," Helensburgh.—The "Review" paragraph you refer to was not based on any statement made by yourself, but on expressions of opinion from various sources. The vote was not dealt with as a vote in favor of the successful candidate, but rather as the recorded disapproval of the miners collectively of the actions of the defeated candidate. You are quite right when you say that the cause of Socialism has neither gained nor lost by the change. We did not for a moment suppose to the contrary.

"Yes," said the first beetle, "I confess I feel deeply annoyed that those fellers at Broken Hill and those rockchoppers didn't consult us before they took extreme measures. We can do so much for them from the floor of the house here. Ah, y' know, I was just considering the advisability of introducing a bill to prohibit the use of those heavy industrial boots the chaps are beginning to wear now-a-days. If they rely on themselves too much and give beetles the cold shoulder, where will we be——" And then the boot descended, and all was still.—"The Flame."

An effort to legalise the "signing on" of female labor in British New Guinea is being stoutly resisted by the white miners.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST LECTURES.

WINSTON HALL.
393 Pitt-street, Sydney.

SUNDAY NEXT.

H. Scott Bennett

LECTURES

Subject: "That Dread Word
—Revolution."

Musical Program.

Under the Red Flag.

SYDNEY JOTTINGS.

At Winston Hall, on Sunday evening, E. J. Price lectured on "Why the Labor Party will not do." The Socialist Band played selections, and a pleasing musical program was presented. Comrade Beck presided.

At the Domain meeting on Sunday, the Socialist Band was a splendid attraction. Sloane presided, and Mrs. Lorimer, Price, and Considine spoke.

Scott Bennett was unable, through illness, to fill the platform at Winston Hall on Sunday.

On Saturday night, an International Socialist meeting was held at Helensburgh under disadvantages. A hurricane raged through the streets, and clouds of dust swept along at intervals. Mr. W. P. Mitchell kindly presided, and Mrs. Lynch and H. E. Holland were the speakers, Mrs. Dunn having charge of the literature. The Helensburgh band gave the use of their lamps, for which we heartily thank them. The West Sydney election meeting at Millers' Point was a pronounced success. Sloane was in the chair, and Scott Bennett and Holland spoke.

There was much enthusiasm, and a unanimous vote. Cheers for Socialism concluded the meeting.

On Sunday next, Scott Bennett will speak in the Domain on "The Salvation Army and the Public," and at night at Winston Hall on "That Dread Word—Revolution."

Election meeting at the Glebe next Monday. Socialists attend early.

On Monday evening last, at the Quarryman's Arms Hotel, Pymont, another successful West Sydney election meeting was held, Mrs. Lynch presiding. The speakers were Rundle and Holland. Several drunks—misguided supporters of Mr. Hughes—created a little diversion. Otherwise the crowd was attentive and appreciative. The meeting closed with cheers for Revolutionary Socialism, and a vote in approval of the Socialist candidature.

The S.F.A. Executive wired congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wallace on Thursday last, and the Sydney Internationals also ordered a letter of congratulation to be forwarded.

Sydney Socialists and S.F.A. Executive have carried resolutions expressing deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Jack London in connection with the latter's illness.

At Winston Hall on Sunday night, Bandmaster Crumlin's recitation, "Christmas Day at the Workhouse," was a splendid effort.

Songs by Miss McCourt and Mr. Faul were rewarded by Sunday night's audience with unstinted applause.

Funds wanted for Federal Campaign. Cheques, P.O. orders, and cash should be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Mrs. Jack London was ill with malarial fever during last week.

PROPAGANDA FUND.

IMPORTANT—International Socialist Club and Group members are notified that, in future, the Local Superintendents will make weekly calls on Members living in the Metropolitan Area, for the purpose of collecting Subscriptions and Contributions towards the Propaganda Fund, and delivering the "I. S. Review."

Collections for week ending December 12, 1908:

Per H. Borax—M. Schoenberger 3d, M. Schoenberger 3d, H. Voss 3d, Chr. Games 3d, H. Frochlich 3d, Th. Sievers 3d, H. Garlich 6d, H. Dierks 1s, H. Mentzel 3d, E. Daube 3d, A. Dahm 6d, A. Sievers 6d, E. Borax 6d, H. Borax 6d, Fr. Meyer 6d, L. Meyer 3d, J. Mayer 3d, Aug. Borax 6d, E. Raps 6d, H. Frien 3d, G. Oppermann 3d, A. Dettmer 3d, J. R. Allen 1s, J. Lee 1s, A. Tillich 1s, P. Jensen 6d.

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VICTORIA.

The Victorian Socialist Party has selected Angus Macdonnell to contest Melbourne, and Percy Laidler for Collingwood in the forthcoming battle at the polls. A £50 deposit has to be lodged with each candidate.

BROKEN HILL.

The "Review" regrets the death of Mr. Roger Lamb, brother of Mr. P. Lamb, of the Broken Hill S.D. Club. At the funeral, which took place on Wednesday of last week, the pall-bearers were Messrs. O'Connell and Matthews, representing the A.N.A., and Messrs. J. Ryder and T. Dunn, representing the A.M.A. Barrier Socialist Group was represented by Messrs. Tom Mann, Wallace, Druhmel, Beck, Feldhausen, Giffney, H. W. Cogan, E. V. Cogan, Miss Lizzie Ahern, and Mrs. Nolan.

CAMPAIGN FUND.

THE International Socialist Group Executive having decided to open a Federal Election Campaign Fund, donations towards same are hereby invited. Amounts received will be acknowledged in the "Review" from week to week.

Previously acknowledged, £3 7s 9d. G. F. 6d. Total, £3 8s 3½d.

See announcement elsewhere re Christmas Tree entertainment.

WEST SYDNEY FEDERAL ELECTION.

H. E. HOLLAND

(The Selected Socialist Candidate)

SUPPORTED BY SOCIALIST SPEAKERS

Will address the West Sydney

Electors as under.....

MONDAY, DEC. 21—The Glebe.

Salmagundi.

The capitalist papers are jubilant over the success of the Federal Capital Site Fraud. The L.P. surrendered to the Wade Party over the matter, because its hold on the Yass State constituency and the Werriwa Federal Seat will be strengthened accordingly. Property interests advanced, it is thought, will result in a proportion of gratitude votes from the propertied classes.

The Broken Hill Labor paper suggesting to Labor Premier Price (S.A.), that he should make a "20 per cent rebate" on the Proprietary Co's bill for rail charges while the price of lead is low, might only amount to a little bit of recreative leg-pulling on the part of the alleged Labor paper, otherwise it might induce the supporters of the Barrier alleged Labor paper to ask themselves, "What Price?"

A few weeks ago "Barrier Truth" vehemently declaimed against any form of Arbitration. Now it is almost unapproachable in the servility of its endorsement of a working-class crawl under to the Capitalist Arbitration Act of the Federal Parliament.

Wonder if the capitalist class is able to read the meaning conveyed by the Socialist vote.

The S. F. A. is the only fighting party of the working class in Australia, and the best way to make the fighting more effective is to widen the circulation of its papers—the "Review," the "Flame," and the "Socialist."

Only by painstaking study can one become well grounded in the Socialist philosophy.

The only party with an issue worth considering is the Socialist Party. Ask that fellow-worker of yours to take a years course in economics by subscribing to the "Review."

So utterly has Arbitration and the Wages Boards system broken down that awards when made are violated with a recklessness that is impudently defiant. The Shop Employees have taken more than a hundred breaches cases into court, and there are probably not three shops in Sydney that are observing the boasted award. The Milk and Ice Carters have already had 15 cases against one employer, and they have 18 other cases pending against the same party; while most of the Unions are financially bankrupt.

It is absolutely necessary for the Barrier to have ONE working class paper, so the "Flame" will blossom weekly with the New Year.—Good Luck!

The burning question of the hour to Frilly Hughes (it doesn't burn worth a cent to anyone else) is whether, when the Federal elections come round, he will be able to feel, 'neath the lower part of his back, the caress of his seat in the Repts. that he has grown to love. He is like the small boy who threw the dead cat into the yard next door and was so engrossed studying the situation through a hole in the fence that he heard not the tread of the avenger behind until smitten decisively. Then the whereforeness became painfully acute.—"The Flame."

The chief end of capitalism just now is seemingly to provide the facts for the demonstration of Socialist theory.

The American S.L.P. shouting from the housetops that the American Socialist Party isn't a Socialist Party at all, but only a bourgeois vote-catching concern, and in the same voice demanding that, for the sake of Socialist unity, the Socialist Party shall join forces with the S.L.P., is one of the things the law of logic makes it hard to understand. How could the joining of forces with a non-Socialist party go to make for Socialist Unity?

To conserve the vote of the cockatoo farmer and embryo squatter, the Australian Labor Party puts forward a "graduated land tax" (with a £5000 exception!) which provides for a whole halfpenny in the £ rise for every additional £5000!

Those who claim that the industrial workers are wholeheartedly supporting the Labor Party might learn something from Broken Hill, where there are about 6000 unionists. The "Flame" says: "The final ballot for P.L.L. delegate resulted in a total of 484—the successful candidate was honored with the splendid record of 299; so less than 300 beings have sent a man to Sydney from this centre to mould the destinies of the country. Wonderful solidarity indeed!"

The "Flame" mentions that a certain Broken Hill union official went off on his own, unknown to his fellow-delegates and unauthorized, to have a chat with Manager Delprat "on the very day the strike was to be declared."

Sydney Labor Council hasn't yet called upon Fred. Flowers, M.L.C., to explain his conduct in connection with the Rockchoppers' Strike, either has any attempt been made to locate the members of the Council's Executive referred to and implicated by Mr. Flowers in his statements to "S.M. Herald."

"Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God" is one of the fine old maxims that have come down to us from the revolutionary days of 1776.—New York "Socialist."

Though whipt, though shackled,
though in bondage pent,

No slave is he who struggles to be free;

But slave indeed—aye, twice enslaved is he—

Who bears his servitude in dull content!

—Selby.

Most true things are in bad taste.
—John Olliver Hobbes.

In every work of genius we recognize our own rejected thoughts; they come back to us with a certain alienated majesty.—Emerson.

Man is properly the ONLY object that interests man.—Goethe.

A civilisation that condemns men, women and children to poverty and starvation alongside of ample resources and powerful tools of production, is a curse and a crime.—"Western Clarion."

The Soliditary of Labor?—Two Labor Members—Messrs. Findlay and De Largie—threatened to hit one another severely on the countenance in the Senate last week.

A woman worker in Brisbane "Worker" thinks it's a pity that Lady Chelmsford should use stale jokes in public speaking. She speaks of the Queensland Governor as though she belonged to the people, and at the same time plays on sex distinctions, apparently thinking that woman's fight is from sex rather than from an economic standpoint. "Comrade Many" did better read up.

Premier Kidston of Queensland declared that the Leper State of Capitalism had no unemployed, and a few days later his own press organs reported that he had declined, on the ground of pressure of Parliamentary business, to listen to a deputation from the Unemployed. Kidston's name isn't George Washington, anyhow.

Sydney "Worker" calmly proposes that Sydney Labor Council shall change its meeting night to suit the "Worker's" convenience and the publication of reports. The "Worker" has so long ranked as a waste-and-scissors abomination that it really doesn't seem to matter whether it prints Sydney Labor Council reports or any other old thing.

Without revolutionary industrial action, as without revolutionary politics, there is no united action of the working class on industrial or political field, consequently no victory, no freedom from wage slavery.—DANIEL DE LEON.

"White Australia" is a cry that echoes from the sea-board to the western gates of hell, and yet when the Afghan camel drivers form a caravan, they say it's the white man whose "scabbing" propensities

make it necessary that the Afghan shall threaten to hit him swiftly with a rock. And when the Westralian Italian timber-getter struck, it was the white Britisher that had to be held off the "scabbing" job with a heavily loaded revolver.

When the Rockchoppers went on strike, Mr. Wade lost no time in getting them sent to jail. Now that Mr. Delprat, of the Broken Hill Proprietary Co., has boldly declared a lock-out, will the Premier hit the gentleman with the same sort of axe that he used on the Rockchoppers? The "Review" guesses that what's a crime for the Rockchoppers isn't any sin at all for the Delprat man. Class interest—like blood—is thicker than the printed law, and more especially when the voice that speaks for the class interest is the silver voice of Australian Capitalism.

Many men who blacklegged during the Tram Strike were unable to survive the departmental tests when the strike ended, and were passed out by Mr. Johnson. The following advt. from a daily paper tells its own tale:—"Tram loyalist, failed eye test, would like position of trust, etc. Apply, Loyalist, etc." It also proves that the ordinary regulations, with which the honest Tram worker was forced to comply, were recklessly suspended, and the lives of passengers placed in jeopardy for the sake of enabling a scab service to be maintained. Now the unfortunate blackleg is deserted by the Department that made a despised tool of him, while he is driven to publicly advertise his sorry degradation.

No reader should overlook an opportunity of adding a new subscriber to the "Review" sub. list. Order a bunch of six a week to your address, and try hard as a rustler.

Solidarity is slavery when it calls "Halt" to progress, when it cries to the mind, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther."—Vic. "Socialist."

Adelaide Socialists are as enthusiastic as they are well-informed. Already the Adelaide Laborites are wondering what's hitting them.—Vic. "Socialist."

Five thousand children who attended Chicago schools are "habitually hungry," declares the superintendent of compulsory education of that city.

During August 868 babies under one year old died in Chicago, mostly from the effects of capitalism.

"An old woman can scare you men half to death. I'm glad I'm not a man. You're the biggest cowards God ever made. You do all the work, you take all the orders, you make the bullets — and you bare your breasts to masters' guns — and if you are not shot down you ought to be. — "Mother" Jones.

Socialism has received a terrible blow at the recent elections in France, as the capitalist press assures us. It utterly failed to capture the Republic and had to content itself with a measly fifteen per cent. increase in its vote.

Socialism has never been tried yet of course, but capitalism has, and has been found guilty, too.—"Wilshire's."

A million votes for Socialism would not necessarily allay the panic, but it would transfer a considerable portion of it from the exploited to the exploiters.—"Wilshires."

"Under Socialism will squabs lay hen eggs?" inquired a porcine-headed sceptic the other day.

"I don't know about that," retorted the comrade, "but I've seen a Socialist lay a foundation stone." And his questioner sought fresh pastures.—New York "People."

There will be no effective demand for labor until an effective demand comes from labor — for the collective ownership of the means of production.

While the capitalists own the courts, the only possible use for an anti-injunction plank is to swindle the workers while the election is pending. — "Wilshire's."

If there were no army of the unemployed, it would be necessary for the capitalists to create one. They need the unemployed in their business — need them to compete with the workmen employed and so keep wages down. —New York "Socialist."

Enthusiasm is the torch of immortality.—"Lone Hand."

DENTIST.
J. HIRSCH,
MARY STREET, AUBURN.

Send me a Card, and I will call on you.

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FREEDOM.

They never fail who die
In a great cause ; the block may soak their gore ;
Their heads may sodden in the sun ; their limbs
Be strung to city gates and castle walls—
But still their spirit walks abroad.

Though years
E lapse, and others share as dark a doom,
They but augment the deep and sweeping
thoughts
Which overpower all others, and conduct
The world at last to freedom.

—BYRON.

Abolish Countries?

THE Communists are further accused of wishing to abolish countries and national spirit.

The workers have no country. What they have not got cannot be taken away from them. Since the proletariat must first conquer political power, must rise to be the dominant class of the nation, must constitute itself as the nation, it is so far national itself, though not at all in the bourgeois sense.

National differences and antagonisms are to-day vanishing ever more with the development of the bourgeoisie, free trade, the world market, the uniformity of industrial production and the conditions of life corresponding thereto.

With the victory of the proletariat they will vanish still faster. United action, of civilized countries at least, is one of the first conditions of the emancipation of the workers.

In the same manner as the exploitation of one individual by another is ended, the exploitation of one nation by another will be ended also.

With the disappearance of classes within the nation the state of enmity between the nations will come to an end.

The accusations which are

made against Communism from a religious, philosophical and general ideological standpoint, deserve no very serious examination.

Does it require deep insight to understand that with changes in man's material conditions of life, social relations and the social system, his ideas, views and conceptions, in one word, his consciousness, also changes?

What does the history of ideas prove but that intellectual production changes with material production? The ruling ideas of any particular age have ever been only the ideas of the ruling class.

When people speak of ideas that revolutionize society, the fact is merely expressed that within the old society the elements of the new are formed, that the dissolution of the old ideas keep pace with the dissolution of the old social relations.

When the ancient world was in its decline the ancient religions were overcome by the Christian religion. When, in the eighteenth century, Christian ideas gave place to rationalist ideas, feudal society fought its death battle with the then revolutionary bourgeoisie. The ideas of religious liberty, and liberty of conscience, merely expressed the rule of free competition

within the domain of knowledge.

"Undoubtedly," it will be said, "religious, moral, philosophical, political and juridical ideas have been modified in the course of historical development. But amid these changes religion, morals, philosophy, politics, and law remained."

"There are moreover, eternal truths, such as freedom, justice, etc., which are common to all social systems."

But Communism abolishes these eternal truths; it abolishes religion and morality instead of constituting them on a new basis, which is contrary to all past historical development."

What does this accusation amount to? The history of all past society is the history of class antagonisms, which took different forms in different epochs.

But whatever form they may have taken, the exploitation of one section of society by another is a fact common to all previous centuries. No wonder then that the social consciousness of all centuries, despite multiplicity and diversity, always moved in certain common forms, in lines of thought which can only completely vanish with the entire disappearance of class antagonism.—Communist Manifesto.

The system of practically dispensing with inquests in cases of death by accident in the coal-mining districts of the South is assuming the proportions of a public scandal. A recent case at Helensburgh emphasises this fact.

Adelaide "Herald" re-prints the weary old wheeze about the danger of the Revolutionary Socialists "splitting the Labor vote." Surely the "Herald" knows that the Socialists are only likely to get the Socialist vote; and the Socialist vote isn't a "Labor" party vote—it is the conscious working-class vote, and could not by any stretch of imagination be held to belong to any party with a platform every vital plank of which is a middle-class interest.

Socialists are often asked: "Why don't you go with the majority, and support the Labor Party?" Here is our answer: 1. "Because the Labor party is a non-Socialist party." 2. If it is the majority of Australian workers that is meant, then we should be compelled to follow MR. WADE AND HIS PARTY, who are elected and maintained in power by a majority of N.S.W. workers.

The clashing of interests secures the preservation of principles.—"Lone Hand."

Two Letters

Concerning the Socialist Attitude towards the Labor Party.

1.—L. T. MAHER (Grenfell) to H. E. HOLLAND.

DEAR H.—I cannot support the attitude that you and your comrades are taking up in a continual venomous attack on the Labor Party—a party that is working under the greatest difficulties.

I may be wrong, but I hold that if the L.P. is not going straight or fast enough, the place for any genuine reformer is inside its ranks, there to make the pace faster, and to expose any crooks that may be in the party; but so far I think that the L.P. is going straight, and that its members are true to the platform on which they were elected. Until I am convinced to the contrary I must remain loyal to the L.P., and regard as enemies those who divide the workers at the ballot box.

I know that there are many grand men in the S.F.A. — yourself amongst them, men who never had an axe to grind, and men who were always self-sacrificing. Of such men were martyrs and heroes made; but I firmly believe your actions now are mistaken and misguided.

God knows, there is room

for a few active spirits in the L.P.; but outside in the position that your party now takes up, you are helping Wade and Joe Cook. I note you never train your guns on these chaps.

However, there is nothing written here in malice, and I wish you and yours well and the greetings of the season.

Yours sincerely,

L. T. MAHER.

Grenfell, 13.12.08.

2.—H. E. HOLLAND to L. T. MAHER.

DEAR L.—I have noted what you say re the Socialist attitude, and of course have never supposed that any P.L.L. member would endorse either our objective or our methods. But your adjective "venomous" doesn't apply.

Our attacks are levelled against the L.P. because of its demonstrated hostility to the Socialist movement and also because of its general capitalistic attitude.

The fundamental trouble with the L.P. is that its actions are determined by the economic interests that give it continued existence, and those economic interests are, generally speaking, the interests of the middle class.

The "Reformer's" place may be in the ranks of the L.P., but then the Socialist is most emphatically NOT a "Re-

former." He's a Revolutionary. And, because he is a Revolutionary, as a Labor member—Mr. Beeby—has very correctly declared, the program and objective of the L.P. are things antagonistic to his Socialist attitude, and the laws of logic and consistency alike widen the gulf between him and the L.P. That there are (from a Labor Party viewpoint) "crooks" in the ranks of the Labor Party is a matter with which the Socialist is very little concerned. That the Party itself stands for an anti-working class objective, and adopts anti-working class methods and tactics justifies our hostility. We attack individual members of the party for this same reason; their primary offence with us is not that they are not loyal to their party (of course, there are numerous cases of individual and collective disloyalty), but in many instances that they ARE loyal to it. For instance, Mr. Holman's action in taking sides against the tram strikers, and in helping the Commissioners to break the strike, was essentially correct regarded from the viewpoint of the economic interests back of the Labor Party. The logical extension of the tram strike—had it been honestly conducted and continued—would have meant the block-

ing of the trains and all other means of transportation; in which case the middle-class squatters and farmers and other country employers who support the Labor Party would have suffered loss through their produce not getting to market, and the Labor Party would have lost votes accordingly. Therefore, in breaking that strike the Labor Party was eminently loyal to the interests it stands for. But from a working-class viewpoint its conduct was positively reprehensible. So in the case of the Rockchoppers. And the same reason explains the Federal Labor Party's action in agitating for Compulsory Military Service in defiance of the Trade Union Congress resolution to the contrary; it also accounts for the L.P.'s haste to proceed with the Bonus Bill (for the benefit of a wealthy iron firm) in spite of the hostile resolution of Sydney Trade Unions. The same economic interest also makes it possible for a Labor member to calmly proceed to administer such an awful sweating horror as the General Post Office—the worst driving enterprise in all Australia—notwithstanding that collectively the P.L.L. has declared against sweating. The platform on which the L.P. is elected is, as I have already

declared, constructed out of a middle-class conception of economics, and even if the Labor members were loyal to that platform, the fact does not—and should not—exempt them from the same measure of criticism and condemnation that the honest Revolutionary movement would bestow on any other party of the Master Class.

The Socialist does not seek to divide the workers—he seeks to bring them together—first on the industrial field (which is far more important) and then on the political field. The worker divides himself from the working-class movement when he refuses to stand in with the world's organisation and allows himself to be side-tracked by parochial, bourgeois bodies whether called by the name of Labor, or Liberal, or anything else.

That there are self-sacrificing men and women in our movement would not justify us in taking up a position that was wrong. What does justify us is the fact that we of the International Socialist Party—and we alone in Australia—are loyal to the world's working-class movement; that our position, scientific economic, political, is absolutely unassailable. We alone obey the call of the great World's Congress. We alone

are linked by affiliation with the International Bureau at Brussels. And your Labor Party—which curses us for disruptionists—stands afar off, at its every annual conference recording its repudiation of the scientific attitude of Labor all the world over; at every conference sinking deeper and deeper into the slough of professionalism in middle-class politics; every year more and more ready to sacrifice the industrial workers on the altar of political opportunism. And the pity of it is that so many men—like yourself—will shut their eyes to solid and irrefutable facts, that so many splendid energies should run to waste, that so many splendid hearts should be hopelessly broken, in such an unscientific and useless endeavor.

For, after all these years, what does the sum of your party's achievements total up? Just figure it out.

You say the Socialists are helping Wade and Joe Cook. Surely you must know that we alone have honestly fought those parties! If—apart from the matter of its fundamental economic sinning—we have cursed your Labor Party and called down the wrath of Organised Labor on its erring head more vigorously at any one time more than another, it has been when the L.P. has

been guilty of joining hands with either the Cook party or Wade party in some special effort against the working class.

For instance:

We led the fight against Wade's Industrial Disputes Act—and the L.P. took sides with Wade and against the unionists.

Earlier, we stood with the workers in the Coal Lumpers' Lockout—and the L.P. threw its influence on the side of the lockers-out, and urged the men to surrender.

With voice and pen we fought for the Tram Strikers what time the L.P. was delivering the fortress of Unionism into the hands of Wade and Johnson.

We stood in the firing line when the Rockchoppers were assailed, while your L.P. men secretly met the employers and undermined the Union, and betrayed the imprisoned men.

If we denounce your Federal Labor Government to-day, what then? Don't we also—with equal relentlessness, with equal vigor—denounce the Deakin party? And isn't the Federal L.P. only a governing body by reason of the machine-made agreement of the Deakin party? While our guns are raining hell-fire and shot and shell unceasingly on all the

parties and agencies of the Master Class, is not the L.P. meeting those same parties and agents in secret, and making compacts with them, and preparing a still more lurid economic damnation, a still more blistering political perdition for the working-class. As a working-class party your L.P. is utterly beyond redemption. As a "progressive," "democratic," middle-class concern, it will live, and win seats and govern Australia—for a brief period. Whatever there was in its original composition that was revolutionary of the working-class has completely disappeared. In the course of the ordinary logic of events, it must go to the scrap heap—it must pass along to the limbo of things condemned, rejected, forgotten.

Finally, remember that the real working-class movement of the Twentieth Century—aye, even in this servile Australia of ours—IS a Revolutionary movement; and so, unlike your L.P., our S.F.A. takes its stand on the industrial field with and for the working class every time. Unlike the L.P., the S.F.A. declares that the workers are NEVER in the wrong when they make industrial war on the Master Class. Unlike your L.P., no chance of gaining votes, nor fear of losing

them, ever influences the actions of the S.F.A.—it is THE scientific movement of the working class in Australia. Its mission is to awaken the spirit of class-consciousness in the Australian workers, and to organise them on both the industrial and political field for the overthrow of Capitalism—**WITHOUT COMPENSATION.** (Your Labor Party would drop dead at the bare suggestion of such an objective!)

The S.F.A. will be there when the Australian Socialist Republic is proclaimed.

The ordinary processes of decay will have accounted for the L.P. long before that day.

Your DUTY is to get into the movement of the Working Class. Your life is too valuable, your capabilities too good, your energies too great, to be thrown away in the service of a party whose hands are clasped in the hands of the Master Class—the historic foe of the class you belong to and in whose ranks your children must take their places in the years that stretch ahead.

I thank you for the kindly sentiments expressed in your letter. . . . And so . . . with all good wishes, and the season's greetings, from—Yours for the Revolution, H. E. HOLLAND.

A CHARGE OF LIBEL.

THE following letter has been forwarded to the responsible parties in connection with an attack made last week on the Socialist movement and the general secretary by a Sydney weekly print:—

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Dec. 22, 1908.

To the Proprietors of the "People,"
16 George-st. West, Sydney.

Sms.—In the last issue of your paper, in an attack directed against the Australasian Socialist movement, you publish a number of statements reflecting seriously on myself. Those statements it is not necessary to enumerate at this stage, neither is it necessary to tell you how utterly untrue they are.

As I personally intimated on Saturday last, I am determined—and you will admit that the determination is a perfectly fair one—that your allegations must be either substantiated or withdrawn; and, since receiving your note yesterday, I have given instructions to delay the issue of writ in order that the publisher of the paper, and the individual members of your Executive and Press Committees may consider whether they will agree to answer charges, before a joint committee of the S.F.A. and your organisation, of having libelled the Socialist Federation and myself personally—the charges to be preferred by me in writing, and none of the individuals charged to be eligible to sit on joint committee. In the event of the charges being sustained, your side to publish an ample apology in all the Socialist and Labor papers in Australasia.

Kindly note that this communication is final. As I understand your secretary is absent from town, I shall take no further action until after Saturday next. Failing a reply from you on that date, agreeing to the proposal contained herein, I shall at once give instructions for the writ to issue, making your publisher and the members of your Executive and Press Committees defendants. This course I am extremely anxious to avoid being compelled to take—I should much prefer that the trial take place before a Socialist tribunal.—Yours, etc., H. E. HOLLAND.

Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Diaker have left this State for Victoria, carrying with them the best wishes of all comrades.

Under the Red Flag.

SYDNEY JOTTINGS.

PROPAGANDA meetings, all of which were highly successful, were held on Sunday evening at Millers Pt., Darlinghurst and Park-street. The speakers were comrades Mrs. Lorimer, Summers, Wilson, Price, Consideine, Warner, and Gray. At Darlinghurst the speakers' names were taken by the police.

The attention of comrades is again directed to the Election and Propaganda funds.

In the evening Scott Bennett lectured at Winston Hall on "That Dread Word Revolution." The lecture was splendidly received by the large audience present. Mrs. Dunn delivered an excellent recitation during the evening, and Comrade Price presided.

In the afternoon Scott Bennett spoke at some length to a large audience on John Manson's book, "The Salvation Army and the Public," and Comrade Holland brought the meeting to a close with a rallying speech. Comrade Warner presided over the gathering.

An election meeting was held—or rather commenced—at the Burton Hotel, Glebe, on Monday evening. A wind storm raged in the early part of the evening, and about 9 o'clock a storm broke overhead, and rain commenced to fall. The meeting was closed down smartly, and the crowd left for home in a hurry.

The International meetings on Sydney Domain draw great crowds every Sunday.

Christmas Tree—Christmas Eve.

Mrs. A. K. Wallace sends a post card to the S.F.A. general secretary: "Both of us sincerely appreciate your own, as also the S.F.A.'s, congratulations.—L. WALLACE."

OTHER LANDS.

Misery and want are as much to the fore as ever in "Old England." The unemployed of West Ham recently passed the following resolution: "We, the starving poor of West Ham, in mass meeting assembled, suggest to the new Lord Mayor and his gang of guzzlers, that a few thousand living skeletons be included in the Lord Mayor's show to complete its representative character, and to that end we offer him our services, providing the City Council will agree to bury such of us as may drop dead during the day from starvation." The offer was declined.

The returns to hand from America indicate that Eugene Debs, the Socialist Party's candidate for the Presidency, polled from seven hundred thousand to a million votes.

In Russia, during the month of September, one hundred and four death sentences were passed for political offences. In the Baltic provinces 134 executions took place.

The movement in Spain has brought out another Socialist weekly—"La Internationale."

All the Socialist parties in Great Britain are pushing on with their propaganda work at the present time. Judging from the controversies now proceeding, dissatisfaction with the English Labor Party is very rife.

An American edition of the Italian Socialist weekly "L'Asino" has appeared in the States.

PROPAGANDA FUND.

IMPORTANT—International Socialist Club and Group members are notified that in future, the Local Superintendents will make weekly calls on Members living in the Metropolitan Area, for the purpose of collecting Subscriptions and Contributions towards the Propaganda Fund, and delivering the "I. S. Review."

Collections for week ending December 19, 1908:

Per H. Borax—M. Schoenberger 3d, M. Schoenberger 3d, H. Voss 3d, Chr. Games 3d, H. Frochlich 3d, Th. Sievers 3d, H. Garlich 6d, H. Dierks 1s, H. Mentzel 3d, E. Daube 3d, A. Dahm 6d, A. Sievers 6d, E. Borax 6d, H. Borax 6d, Fr. Meyer 6d, L. Meyer 3d, J. Mayer 3d, Aug. Borax 6d, E. Raps 6d, H. Prien 3d, G. Oppermann 3d, A. Theiss 6d, J. Bauer 9d, J. Pohl 1/6, J. Theiss 6d, G. Wenzel 6d, R. Wenzel 2s, R. Welzel 6d, P. Kleiner 6d, A. Kreuger 1s, Fr. Muller 1s, Lundgreen 6d, W. Bennett 1s, H. Buhring 1s, Peters 2s 6d, A Friend 2s 6d.

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CAMPAIGN FUND.

THE International Socialist Group Executive having decided to open a Federal Election Campaign Fund, donations towards same are hereby invited. Amounts received will be acknowledged in the "Review" from week to week.

Previously acknowledged, £3 8s 3½d. Beck 1s. Total, £3 9s 3½d.

Get subscribers for the "Review"—you'll do more effective propaganda in that way than by any other means.

Next week's "Review" will contain a special article on the Sydney Labor Council's scheme of industrial organisation.

In the S.A. Court of Industrial Appeals, a witness was called to prove that a man could live on much less than 7s a day. His name was William North (broom canvasser), and this is what he said: "He had no children, there being only his wife and himself. His house-rent for two rooms was 3s 6d; groceries would cost 2s 6d; bread, 1s 9d; milk, 10½d; meat 4s; fuel, 8d; vegetables, 1s 6d; lighting, 4½d; tobacco, 1s 3d; fruit and drink, 1s 6d; boots and clothes, 2s; total, 19s 11d. He was earning £1 per week, and was happy with his lot." In spite of such conclusive evidence, the Judge fixed a whole 7s a day as the minimum wage; and some Adelaide workers appear to be jubilating because of the fact. This where Tom Price is Premier, and a Labor Government bosses the gear that drives the machinery of State!

"Vorwaerts" (Germany) reports that the Presidential election count, apparently not then concluded, had given Debs over 700,000 votes. Six Socialists were elected to the Wisconsin State Parliament, and two Socialist Senators were also elected. There was a tremendous increase in the Socialist vote in Wisconsin.

At Winston Hall, on Sunday next, Scott Bennett lectures on "Socialism and Xmas!"

"Socialist" Pars.

MAKE stir, breed discontent, compel attention. If you wished it, you could make Capitalism shiver with fright.

Our Socialist tactic of War upon the System is sword-edged and relentless, and, because such, resistless.

"Continental Socialism" is the Socialism, and don't you swallow anything different.

Be a thinker, not a believer—
a fighter, not a compounder.

Let the new blood in! Speed the new party. To hell with the fiddlers whose music maddens the burning.

No Compromise! Let the P. L. C. crowd fall into their own slough. It's a sure road the Socialist Party travels.—H. E. H.

There is no freedom for the weak. Strength, dominion and power come to those who are strong, strong, strong.

The politicians of Capitalism—and their agents and press organs—hate the "Review." Sound testimony that the "Review" is doing its work well—sound reason why YOU—the workers—should subscribe for the "Review." One shilling per quarter.

Delegate Sullivan told Sydney Labor Council (re the Industrial Disputes Act): "Yes, I am frightened of jail, and have courage enough to say so; but some of you are also frightened of it, and are too damn cowardly to say so."

The "South Coast Times" reports: "A party of Socialists visited Helepsburgh last Saturday, and held an open-air meeting, which was addressed by Mrs. Lynch and Mr. H. E. Holland, who detailed many of the disabilities and injustices forced upon the industrial workers by the present commercial system, known as Capitalism. Mr Holland was questioned by Mr. Thos. Hall regarding the wisdom of the revolutionary Socialists in opposing the Labor Party. Mr. Holland, in reply, said he was a Socialist, and the Labor Party had ceased to fight for Socialism, which was the cause of the industrial workers; they (the Labor Party) were merely middle-class politicians, no better than Reid or Wade, and dared not fight solidly for Socialism for fear of offending the plutocratic section of their supporters. Mr. Hall did not state whether or not the reply was satisfactory to him, but we noted that at the conclusion of Mr. Holland's address his hand was very heartily shaken."

A year's subscription to the "Review" will cost you just four shillings. You'll get value for your money many times over. Send the four shillings along.

A little Sydney weakly which the other day, cursed the Socialist Federation because it proposed to raise funds by means of a lecturing tour, had an appeal in, an adjoining column, for funds for itself! That's generally the way with the enemies of the Socialist movement—their consistency couldn't be located with a powerful, magnifying glass.

Christmas Tree—Christmas Eve.

Hands and Brains.

(By EUGENE V. DEBS.)

Just a hand! A human factory hand!

Think of a hand with a soul in it!

In the capitalist system the soul has no business. It cannot produce profit by any process of capitalist calculation.

The working hand is what is needed for the capitalist's tool and so the human must be reduced to a hand.

No head, no heart, no soul—simply a hand.

A thousand hands to one brain—the hands of workmen, the brain of a capitalist.

A thousand dumb animals, in human form—a thousand slaves in the fetters of ignorance, their heads having run to hands—all these owned and worked and fleeced by one stock-dealing, profit-mongering capitalist.

This is capitalism!

And this system is supported alternately by the capitalist parties who relieve each other in support of the capitalist system, while the capitalist system relieves the working class of what they produce.

A thousand hands to one head is the abnormal development of the capitalist system.

A thousand workmen turned into hands to develop and gorge and decorate one capitalist paunch! This brutal order of things must be overthrown. The human race was not born to degeneracy.

A thousand heads have grown for every thousand pairs of hands; a thousand hearts throb in testimony of the unity of heads and hands, and a thousand souls, though crushed and mangled, burn

in protest and are pledged to redeem a thousand men.

Heads and hands, hearts and souls, are the heritage of all.

Full opportunity for full development is the inalienable right of all.

He who denies it is a tyrant; he who does not demand it is a coward; he who is indifferent to it is a slave; he who does not desire it is dead.

The earth for all the people. That is the demand.

The machinery of production and distribution for all the people. That is the demand.

The end of class struggles and class rule, of master and slave, of ignorance and vice, of poverty and shame, of cruelty and crime—the birth of freedom, the dawn of brotherhood, the beginning of MAN. That is the demand.

This is Socialism!—New York "Socialist."

Emancipation is to be won by voting and working for emancipation. It is only to the extent we vote and work for the thing we want do we demonstrate that we want it. If you want a loaf of bread—want it as much as you need it—it is surely silly to shout for hairpins and kittens.—"Socialist."

Get the workers to rally round our candidates. Get on a hustle.

A Socialist is one who does something for Socialism.—The "Socialist."

Marriage in Socialist Society.

JEAN JAURES (French Socialist) discusses the question of Marriage under Socialism. He says:—

In the relations of the sexes, as in economic relations, real individual liberty exists only when each party enjoys certain guarantees against the encroachments or abuses of the other. Upper class individualism is an evil in its exploitation of woman as woman, as it is in its exploitation of the workman as a workman. When the new Socialism gives the young girl and the young woman a real and thorough education and enables them to support themselves by labor proportionate to their strength and talents, then will the "weaker sex" be guarded against surprises and traps, then will the married woman cease to be a dependent being held in servitude through the fear of want and wretchedness, then will she be safe from the worst effects of cowardly desertion. The education and the laws of Socialism will not allow a father to escape his duties toward his children by simply turning out into the street their unmarried mother, as can be done to-day in this beautiful land of France.

But when Socialism shall have taken all these precautions in the interest of the individual of both sexes, when it shall have guaranteed the rights of all human beings, and especially the rights of the so-called weaker sex, it will not, at the same time, be guilty of rendering marriage a restraining contract of any kind. Each one of the con-

tracting parties will be free to continue to lead the joint life or will be free to break a bond which may have become galling; for it will be held by society and the laws that where there is no longer any accord or affections or a desire to prolong the common existence, this existence becomes but a lie and should end. At the same time the Socialist code will teach that no idle fancy must play a part in this decision. This would degrade the party guilty thereof. It will never cease to teach that the noblest act of two beings is to give an eternal impulse to their love, and, at the same time, to declare that, when those who have sworn everlasting affection become involved in fatal misunderstandings and are animated only by deadly hate, it would be a crime to try and curb two such souls by any legal chain. Socialistic society will hold that it would be hypocrisy or hardness of heart to show any sign of reproval if two such beings sought happiness in another union. However, they will be expected to confess to one another that they have failed and missed the highest ideal of human life, which is to mingle the heart and the senses in a single and unchangeable affection. When the young woman weds under the Socialistic regime, as under the precialistic regime, she will believe that she is taking a lasting step. But in the new world, as in the old, she will surely sometimes make a terrible mistake, and will find that the human affections cannot be really bound by laws. The ideal dream of eternal love will be dissipated. But our Socialistic code, which will strive to bring man to the highest point of perfection and happiness, will combat a too easy admission of failure in this soul

life. It will make man ashamed of all the lies and commonplace adventures which render monogamy a most cynical falsehood.

It is rumored that Bill Lyne will be appointed High Commissioner in London. Most people think Deakin is the man, but Bill has a wonderful aptitude for being a-round when the good things are shared out, and if he isn't well treated he is apt to become dangerous. Fisher would feel safer with William in London.—“South Coast Times.”

A boy playing marbles on Saturday was heard to say: “Blow it!” but it is not known yet whether the Ministry intends to prohibit marbles in consequence.—“South Coast Times.”

Mr. Delprat (Broken Hill) has received a notification that the Proprietary employees at the Bellambi coke works have accepted the reduced wage offered by the company pending the appeal to the Arbitration Court. The reduced wage will be 7s 6d per shift to the majority of the men.

The Fisher Government is going to spend £150 in showing Federal members over the Yass-Canberra Capital site which Mr. Wade compelled the Federal Parliament to substitute for Dalgety, the previously chosen site.

Mr. C. H. Hoskins says the iron bonus (to be paid out by the Fisher Government) will be a “material help to the iron industry.” If the “iron industry” means the firm of G. & C. Hoskins, Ltd., the statement is perfectly correct.

Salmagundi.

The British Liberal Government is, in India, endeavoring to put up a reign of tyranny and persecution that in future days will read as villainous as the most blood-stained records of Red Russia.

Britain makes profits out of the opium horror, and, for trade reasons, at the mouth of the cannon compelled the Chinaman to open his gates to the traffic. The British Government threatened to shoot him down if he refused to smoke opium; and now this British dependency fines the Chinamen and also shoots him into jail because he has learnt to obey Britain and smokes opium.

Another threatened strike. M. A. Noble and Clem Hill are organising it in the cricket world. What about the Industrial Disputes Act?

A Sydney weekly paper last week published an attack on the Socialist movement and the general secretary, H. E. Holland. The publishers of the paper in question have admitted that they have no knowledge as to whether the statements are true or not, and they have been given an opportunity to make an honorable withdrawal and apology. If this should not be forthcoming, a writ for libel will be issued by H. E. Holland.

The dignity of Labor! Francis Conway, coal-lumper, was assisting to coal the P. and O. steamer India from the collier Wallsend on Saturday, when he fell down the hold of the collier, a distance of 15ft., and sustained a fractured right leg.

The dissolution of society bids fair to become the termination of a career of which property is the end and aim; because such a career contains the elements of self-destruction.—LEWIS MORGAN.

Nature is always right, simply because she got in first, and set the rules.—“Lone Hand.”

Christmas dawns on us with the clouds of a great industrial war overshadowing Broken Hill; with want and hunger and discontent rife everywhere; with hundreds of thousands of unemployed clamoring for the right to live in Christian England; with the prison, the land of exile and the gallows for such as fight for human freedom; and with fullness and plenty and gilded homes and lazy luxury for the human drones and ruling-class robbers. Who said “Peace on Earth and Good Will?”

The business of the Socialists is to sink all petty and personal differences, and to concentrate every energy on Socialist education and organisation.

Lib.-Labor-member McLaren told Sydney Labor Council: “How could we call ourselves a Christian people if we allowed men to be engaged for work on Sunday.”

Democracy in government, brotherhood in society, equality in rights and privileges, and universal education, foreshadow the next higher plane of society to which experience, intelligence and knowledge are steadily tending.—LEWIS MORGAN.

Mr. Reddy vehemently complained, at last Sydney Labor Council

meeting, that the “Socialist paper was bolstering up the big dailies” when it opposed the Council’s organisation scheme. Of course, Mr. Reddy talked with his tongue in his cheek. When, at the time of the April Trade Union Congress, Mr. Reddy and others fought against the principle of Industrial Unionism, they had the frantic support of the big dailies; and the “Review” now solemnly charges Mr. Reddy and his party with having BOLSTERED UP THE BIG DAILIES on that occasion. Plea: Guilty. Remanded for sentence.

The “Bulletin” curses the Fisher Government because it “backslid faster even than Thomas Bent at his worst.” The red-covered paper also denounces W. M. Hughes for an “eloquent and shifty representative,” and further calls him the “brilliant but shifty Hughes,” etc. In a few weeks’ time, however, the “Bulletin” will be flinging coarse swear-words at the Socialists for their opposition to the “brilliant but shifty,” etc.

Modesty is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. But it’s a crime that can’t be charged against Lib.-Lab. member McLaren (of Maoriland) anyhow—if he is to be judged by his wearisome speech before Sydney Labor Council the other night.

The time is ripe and rotten-ripe for change:
Then let it come; I have no dread of what
Is called for by the instinct of mankind:
Nor think I that God’s world will fall apart
Because we tear a parchment more or less.—LOWELL.

He who has art and science has also religion.—Goethe.

When mankind speak of religion they have before their mind an activity engaged, not with the whole of life, but with that three-fourths of life which is conduct.—Matthew Arnold.

Diplomacy is an endeavor to sidestep Nemesis.—Elbert Hubbard.

The parish-pump jingoistic Labor Party of Australia counts for as much in the world's politics as a trouser button in the collection plate.—"Flame."

Go to now ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.—St. James.

Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth.—The Bible.

Under capitalist production the workers, both rural and urban, are slaves. The products of their labor belong to the capitalists. All they get out of the game, at the best, is a miserable living. That is all a slave is entitled to anyhow.—"Western Clarion."

"Papa, haven't you any more fairy stories to read me?"

"Nothing, my boy, but the Liberal and "Labor" platforms, and they are too sad for one so young."—Adapted from "Life."

A mere property career is not the final destiny of mankind, if progress is to be the law of the future as it has been of the past.—LEWIS MORGAN.

The idea of property was slowly formed in the human mind, remaining nascent and feeble through immense periods of time. Springing into life in savagery, it required all the experience of this period and of the subsequent period of barbarism to develop the germ, and to prepare the human brain for the acceptance of its controlling influence. Its dominance as a passion over all other passions marks the commencement of civilisation.—LEWIS MORGAN.

"Where do you live?" inquired the police judge of the small boy who was charged with stealing fruit. The lad looked vacant and shook his head.

"Where is your home?" his honor insisted.

"Got none," was the reply. "Mom's in de hospital, dad's up in Marin county lookin' fer work, me brudder's in jail fer sassin' a scab, an' de furniture folks has nabbed all our stuff."

And some folks are afraid Socialism will destroy the family!—"Los Angeles Socialist."

Sydney "Lone Hand" says: "We can all be good of our kind, but most of us prefer to be cheap imitations." We really didn't expect the "Lone Hand" to exhibit such a brutal degree of candour in its own case.

DENTIST.

J. HIRSCH,

MARY STREET, AUBURN.

Send me a Card, and I will call on you.

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