

News From Milwaukee

Still the Milwaukee Anti-Socialists are worrying over last Sunday's big mass meeting. How did the Socialists do it?

How did they secure the subscription of \$8,000 to the bonds of the Socialist daily in about ninety minutes? In an off year—when there was no campaign, no excitement, no political fireworks—why should 7,000 men and women meet just for the privilege of paying their money and starting a Socialist daily paper? That is the puzzle which is bothering our capitalist politicians.

Never before, perhaps, did the Milwaukee Socialist movement show its real strength as clearly as at this meeting last Sunday, since the enthusiasm with a well-planned and deliberate purpose behind it is far ahead of the hurray excitement of a political campaign.

The big hall in the Auditorium was filled to the roof. The speakers were: Mayor Seidel, Congressman Berger, President-elect Johnston of the Machinists, and Carl D. Thompson. All presented the necessity of a Socialist daily in Milwaukee.

The applause and more especially the financial response, showed that they carried with them the hearts of the audience. Besides the \$8,000 subscribed for the daily bonds, a collection of nearly \$300 was taken to defray the expense of the meeting.

A party which can do that in an off-year is not going to be defeated at the polls next spring!

Here is an interesting fact for trade unionists. The Socialist supervisors of Milwaukee are starting an Agricultural Academy in this city—an institution, by the way, which will be of solid benefit to our farming community on this side of the state. Now this new building will employ a great many men and a good many trades. But every part of the work will be done by union labor, in all trades where union labor can be obtained. This is the first time in Milwaukee that a building of this size has been constructed under union labor conditions. The trade unionists of Milwaukee are realizing the benefits of a working class organization.

Compare with this the recent action of the Milwaukee School Board. There are only two Socialists on this board.

The question of appointing non-union teachers in Milwaukee Trades School came before the school board last week. The two Socialist members fought against these appointments, justly contending that in a trades school only trades unionists should be permitted to teach and train the future wage-workers of Milwaukee. The Socialists, however, were voted down. Non-union teachers were supported by these school directors who were elected on the so-called Anti-Socialist ticket. It will be remembered that these Anti-Socialist tickets were distributed in the churches of Milwaukee, that the priests brought women in carriages to the polls with instructions to vote this ticket, and these women were told that it would be a "mortal sin" not to vote for the Anti-Socialist candidates! The workingmen are beginning to find out who are their true friends and who are their real enemies.

E. H. THOMAS.

WORK AMONG WOMEN.

There are a number of reasons why the Socialist party should carry on special propaganda among women. Among them are the following:

Woman is disfranchised. The Socialist party demands equal suffrage for all, regardless of sex, color or race. Woman's disfranchisement is a great factor in holding her in economic slavery.

Woman's position in industry is of a much lower status than man's. She seldom receives equal wages for the same grade of work.

Woman has become a very large part of the industrial world. She is the most formidable competitor man has in the industries.

Woman is the mother of the race. She needs education that she may intelligently point the way to freedom to her children.

Woman is one-half of the race. Without her support we cannot bring in the Co-operative Commonwealth.

As Franklin Wentworth has said, "We must never for a moment neglect the propaganda work we can do within the walls of our homes; for until women enter heart and soul into our councils and all our efforts, I can not bring myself to have great hopes for Socialism, and I know that capitalism will have small fears of it."

Make money and all the world will conspire to call you a gentleman.

NEW CASTLE FREE PREEES WINS SEDITION LABEL CASE

By Jack Britt Gearity.

"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the celebrated seditious libel case at New Castle.

Thus victory crowns the struggle of the famous fighting Socialist weekly, the Free Press, after a bitter battle of eighteen months duration. The four comrades, Hartman, McCarty, McKeever and White, being acquitted Saturday, September 23. But three of them, White having been dropped for lack of evidence, must pay one half the costs of prosecuting the case against themselves.

Indictment against the four comrades was found in March, 1910. The case was tried at June term of court that year, and jury agreed to acquittal of defendants, but could not agree on placing costs. Under the law of Pennsylvania a jury may find a man not guilty, but charge the whole of the costs or part of them against him or upon the prosecutor, or divide them between defendant and prosecutor.

After the trial last year attorneys for the Free Press argued for the quashing of indictment, but Judge Porter did not hand down his opinion until too late for September or December term of court, and nothing was heard of the matter until March of this year. The comrades here thought the case would never be heard of. When they heard of the intention of the officials of the Free Press published a series of caustic comments on the attempt of the servile Steel Trust tools to force a conviction on the charge of seditious libel. These comments stung local officials, especially Judge Porter, with the result that a new charge—that of constructive contempt of court—was made against them.

The June grand jury this year indicted them. The district attorney then attempted to try the contempt case first. The defendants carried the case to the Superior Court, but lost the fight there. Meanwhile the seditious libel case, the first of its kind in more than a century, was adjourned to September court.

At the September term of court just closed at this writing, both cases were tried, the contempt case coming first. Conviction was obtained in that case, under old English law, but an appeal has been taken to the higher court.

Immediately after the close of the contempt trial the prosecution put on the seditious libel case, hoping to use conviction in the first case as a club for conviction in the bigger case. The legal battle lasted four days, and the jury was out fifteen hours before reaching agreement.

The decision in the seditious libel case is the most important decision handed down in any labor struggle in recent years. The action against the Free Press for seditious libel was tried under old English common law also, and a verdict of guilty would have menaced the Socialist press in every state in which the common law is unabridged. Local Socialists are jubilant over their triumph, as it assures freedom of the press.

The fight has dragged along for eighteen long months, and has cost several thousand dollars. The local Socialists have given to the limit of their resources, the Free Press is in financial straits as a result of the heavy expense it has been under, as well as from the crippling of its plant during the trials. Outside aid is coming very slowly.

The real prosecutor is undoubtedly the Steel Trust, Chief of Police Gilmore being a mere figurehead. Unless help is forthcoming from Socialists all over the country the Trust may win, and the Free Press silenced.

The fight against the little weekly paper grew out of its loyalty to the tin mill workers during their strike in 1909 and 1910 against the Steel Trust. That strike lasted sixteen months, and the workers were defeated and forced to return to the mills on the Trust's terms.

The workers are lining up behind the Socialist Party in large numbers, their eyes having been opened by the strike and the attack on the Free Press, and unless all signs fail New Castle will be in the hands of the Socialists after November 7th. So the victory of the Socialist Party will undoubtedly be a twofold victory.

THE ONLY WAY.

"Why did he leave all his money to the black sheep of the family?"

"He said the other children were too good to go to jail."

"Well?"

"And he wanted to fix it so the black sheep would be too rich."

TIED AND UNTIED.

Said he—So your friend found marriage a failure, did she?

Said she—No, indeed! The jury was kind and granted her \$50,000 alimony.

BOOSTERS' COLUMN.

Comrade Johnson Strong sends in \$1.00 for *Good Work for Socialism*.

Comrade Henry Wickhorst sends \$13.50 for subs. Wickhorst is some scout for the "Red Flag."

A fighter in Butte sends in 8 subs. You are in the right direction and with a little practice you will be perfect.

The N. P. boys in Helena are sending us about 20 to 25 subs per month the last list is for 20. How is that for hustling?

Comrade Brown sends 9 by wireless. That's heading the rascals off.

Comrade Hall of Missoua takes two dozen copies of "The United States Constitution and Socialism." He knows good propaganda matter when he sees it.

The Coal Miners give us lots of job work this week. 5,000 letterheads and 4,000 envelopes.

Comrade Sorheim is working hard for the News. The News is working hard for him.

A warm hearted hot air artist in Kansas says that he would die for the working class. Why so sad? Live and be useful. Hustle for subs for the Montana News.

A comrade signed "Machinist" sends in \$1.50 for ammunition and wants to get the price on bundles of the News. One cent per copy Pard, and we would like to send you just such a bomb every week.

Dad English sends in \$1.50 for subs and buys 6 sub cards at the same time. Dad was a switchman and knows the tactics of the capitalists. Evidently he knows just what kind of tactics for he workers to use.

The circulation of the News this week is walking right along, this is because the workers of this state are with us in all we do.

The workers of the state are waking up very fast, that is because the News is with them in all they do.

William Penn buys five copies of the United States Constitution and Socialism. Tommy Devore takes three of the same. Price 10 cents per copy at this office.

Socialists of Lincoln county assure us that they will elect a Socialist to the legislature in 1912. The News is helping them.

IS THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT OF A MILITARY NATURE?

R. A. Dague.

Recently there has been so much public criticism of the Boy Scout Movement, that its promoters are beginning to deny that the organization is of a Military Character. Mr. C. de Vidal Hundt, Commander of Boy Scouts, of Southern California, in a published article in the "Los Angeles Examiner," denies the military nature of the movement. As quoted by the "Santa Paula Chronicle" he says: "The Boy Scouts are not a military organization. Our military drills are given for the purpose of discipline and order and with the object in view to produce an erect carriage and develop the boys' breathing apparatus and muscles."

"The Boys Scouts are peace scouts. At one of the recent scout encampments a young lady who had been watching the boys said that if she ever married she would try to get a boy scout, because boy scouts can cook their own meals and sew on their own buttons. Which only goes to prove that the scouts will be fully prepared to avoid wars, domestic or otherwise."

Now the movement in California may be that innocent sort as to have for its sole object the development of the boys physically, and to teach them to cook and sew on buttons, but it is very certain that its organizers had, and still have in view, quite a different object. Let us now briefly allude to the history of the movement.

The Associated Press says that the Czar of Russia, about two years ago, gave orders that the 3,500,000 boys between the ages of twelve and fifteen years, in the elementary schools, should receive military training. Gen. Baben-Powell induced the Czar to change his plans, and adopt the "Boy Scout Plan," as laid down in Gen. Baben-Powell's book. Army officers therefore organized, the past year, a great many thousands of the peasant boys. The Associated Press of Sept. 16th. gives an account of a brilliant review of these scouts by the Emperor, recently at St. Petersburg. The

account says:

"The emperor and several of the grand dukes, including Michael Alexandrovich, formerly heir presumptive to the throne, with a brilliant suite of generals, all on horseback, rode down the four lines of troops, the emperor getting the regular salute from each company, replying to it, and getting in response an enthusiastic response of youthful hurrahs."

A thrilling sight were the faces of the youngersters as they marched past their emperor with eyes keen on carrying away a good picture of him, and a note of contagious enthusiasm was carried to the thousands of spectators in their parting salute: "We are eager to exceed, your Imperial majesty."

The Emperor and his cabinet are so pleased with results so far, that steps are being taken to enlarge the movement. The despatch further says: "These juvenile regiments are to be under instructions of regular army officers so that the boys will be taught the rudiments of warfare as practiced in this 20th century."

"First and foremost, it is thought that the military training provided in the schools will awaken interest in the army at an early age and thus tend to facilitate the transformation of raw recruits into perfect human fighting machines. Hopes are also entertained that the early awakening of enthusiasm for the army will operate against the spread of seditious Socialism among the youth of Russia."

Despatches from Berlin, last July, stated that Emperor William and military men of Germany, have taken steps to inaugurate the Boy Scout Movement in that country. They are quoted as saying that "Germany's fighting efficiency can thus be augmented greatly, and the war spirit strengthened." The Socialists throughout Europe as well as non-socialists who oppose war, are strenuously contending against this Boy Scout scheme. It would seem that no one in Europe questions the object of the movement as being to develop the war spirit in the boys.

Some of the more cautious monarchists have raised warning voices "to remind the government that the juvenile militia thus created may, unless proper precautions be taken, develop into a revolutionary army, so that, instead of being a national asset, the boy soldiers would become a serious danger to the safety of the empire." In the face of these well known facts, published in Europe and America, it would seem that Commander C. de Vidal Hundt, and others are presuming much on the gross ignorance of their readers, when they claim that the Boy Scouts are organized to make a little fun for the youths and to teach boys how to cook, sew buttons on their garments, and to excite the admiration of their girl friends.

The solemn truth is that Gen. Baben Powell, the monarchs of Europe, and the plutocrats of America, invented and are promoting the Scout organization or the purpose of defeating the world-wide movement for peace and for international courts of arbitration and to raise up an army with which to suppress all efforts oppressed peoples, who may make a struggle to improve their conditions of living. The scheme was adroitly planned, and its real object hidden, while the supposed advantages accruing to the youths are painted in brilliant colors. The lads are told about the bright uniforms, the grand picnics, the fun and good times, but they will be taught to implicitly obey the orders of their officers. Little do they suspect that they are to have the killing instinct in their hearts cultivated and strengthened until they can go forth with torch and gun and bayonet, and mercilessly wound and murder their fellowmen, whom they do not know and who have done them no harm, and who, like themselves, are deluded victims and slaves of designing, ambitious tyrants, or selfish millionaires, who care nothing for the common soldier except to use him to burn, destroy and murder.

The Boy Scout Movement was invented by a professional mankind. It is wicked and unchristian, and I hope that no boy who reads this will join the cunningly devised plan to convert innocent boys into "fighting machines". Gen. Sherman said, "War is hell". My advice to boys is to think good thoughts, do kindly deeds, speak friendly words, stand up manfully for peace and good fellowship, and if the Kings and Nobles of Europe, and the grafting monopolists of America want to get up killing bees and wars, and thus "raise hell" by wholesale murder, let them do the killing themselves.

ELECTION DAY IS COMING!

Politician: Well, I'm back again! How are you?

Voter: Oh, no use kicking.

P: You know, I thought I'd drop

Montana News Prospectus.

The Montana News will be issued hereafter by the UNION PRINTING and PUBLISHING COMPANY, from its offices at Helena, Montana. The said company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana. Authorized Capital Stock \$10,000 Shares \$5.00 each

Object of Corporation.

To print and publish at the City of Helena, Montana, a weekly newspaper to be devoted to the interest of the working class of the State of Montana and the Northwestern States, and for the purpose of transacting, carrying on and conducting a printing and publishing business in all its branches.

Need of Local Paper.

The working class movement must have a powerful local press before it can hope to influence the government or the state as a party. Such a press can be a power in the Northwest as the expression of a working class remarkably aggressive and devoted to freedom and justice. Without a paper of protest against the horrors of a system of profit and plunder it would have been impossible to expose the Donohue Militia bill passed by the late legislature!

There is tendency to reaction in the state at present. Franchisees are being given away lavishly to the exploiters of the working class—street cars, electric lines, electric lighting, and gas— with no provisions to allow the public to own these necessities in the future; whereas, ten and twenty years ago such franchises contained specifications for the transfer of such property to the commonwealth.

Blows at Labor.

The last legislature in Montana appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose of bringing in labor to compete with the laborers already here. Montana employers are even advertising in Europe for men to work in the state, while we are already overladen with idle men.

Little Revolutionary Reading.

There are only 9,000 subscribers to Socialist papers in Montana. We must have at least 50,000 persons reading Socialist papers before the spirit of protest can be aroused or the workers make their impress upon the state and municipal governments.

There are 80,000 voters in Montana, and a population of about 375,000. Cold figures tell the tale of work to be done.

Purposes.

The News will fight the battles of the workingclass through all present evils and obstacles of exploitation.

It will point out the emancipation from exploitation in the abolition of the private ownership of the industrial machinery.

It will direct the workers to co-operate production.

It will expose the outrages of capitalism which we encounter at our door.

It will enter the arena and struggle with strong and self-interested opponents to construct better laws, institutions, and opportunities.

It will at all times inform the populace of malicious laws passed and enforced by our law making bodies.

It will also be a center from which the Initiative and Referendum will circulate.

Plans of Operation.

The News will henceforth be a Socialist party paper, but not a party-owned paper. It will be handled exclusively by the Union Printing and Publishing Company. This company will own its own machinery, equipment, linotype, motors, and presses, and is pleasantly and commodiously situated at 19 Park Avenue, Helena, Montana. It makes a specialty of union job work, bills constitutions, by-laws, letterheads, and whatever organized labor may require in the way of printing. We support you; you support us. Labor withdraws its support from its enemies and co-operates with its friends.

It will issue special editions dealing with the local issues in any town or community at the minimum cost, so that any such point may have all the advantages of a local paper, and scatter it by the thousands.

Advertising.

The News will carry a special line of high class advertising, covering a widespread territory. It has applications from and companies, book firms, library associations and other enterprises of a general character to advertise on a large scale, and will give special attention to this valuable feature in the future. The News is an unusually able medium as a publicity organ because of its extended circulation, entering almost every state and territory in the United States, crossing the borders of Canada and Mexico, and going also to many foreign countries. It is read by the buyers, the chief consumers, the workers, who are 90 per cent of the population.

Policy and Program.

The News will stand for the constructive program of Socialism. It will work for the industrial revolution through the conquest of political power by a new class, the workers. It will take an aggressive part in all political and municipal activities. It will encourage and serve in every way the organization of the workers both Politically and Industrially. It will be first to serve the unions in time of trouble and to reprove them for errors that obstruct their progress. It will be labor's staunchest friend when in trouble no matter what the cause. It will be the fearless advocate and labor leader of the Northwest, and the rallying center for the activities of the Socialist movement.

Financial Support.

If you want to help in this grand world movement of labor you want to put some money into it and be a part of it. You want to take several shares of stock and get your union and neighbors to take some. You can pay \$5. down for each share of stock or you can pay \$1.00 a month for five months, or for as long as you please, and every \$5.00 you pay will give you an additional share of stock.

This method is a sure winner so far as a solid support for Socialist enterprises is concerned. It is what has made the success of the Kerr Publishing Company, The Social Democratic Herald, and the Chicago Daily Socialist. Everybody's business is nobody's business, but definite system will make a paper in the west as successful as those in the east.

The News is 50 cents a year, one cent each in bundles.

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around to see you about your vote.

V: Yes?

P: Of course, you know I made a lot of promises last year—

V: Sure I do.

P: Well, I want to tell you that I haven't made the slightest effort to keep any of them. I've been grafting just as much as I could and I'd like to keep it up. Will you help me?

V: I sure will. You can count on my vote.

P: That's good. I was afraid you might switch over to those greasy Socialists.

V: No danger, old man. They don't stand a chance of getting my vote—it'd be thrown away.

P: Ta! Ta!

Some years ago I got a job on a city directory. I did splendidly until about four o'clock when I met my Waterloo.

"What is your name?" I asked a strumpy-looking chap. He told me

"What do you do?"

"Nothing."

"Don't you work?"

"Haven't you a trade?"

"Nope."

I was puzzled.

"How do you earn your living?"

"Don't earn any."

Well then, how do you live?"

"I get a check every three months."

When I returned to the office I told the manager of my difficulties.

"Oh," said he, "We mark them guys down as gentlemen."