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WHY WE SHOULD VOTE FOR KATTERFELD.

Our Efficient State Secretary. The action taken at the regular meeting of Local Everett last Sunday evening, in voting unanimously for Comrade Katterfeld as candidate for the office of state secretary, is to be highly commended.

Since taking office in April Comrade Katterfeld has shown his entire fitness to fill that position. He is efficient, conscientious, and a tireless worker. His enthusiasm for the cause is unbounded. By now he is fully initiated into the work connected with the office, and has his home established here. Moreover he was brought to Washington in good faith by the membership of the state, which naturally entailed considerable expense and a complete breaking away from his connections in the East.

We do not wish to infer that there are not others in the membership who are capable and deserving of this responsible position, but we do say that inasmuch as Comrade Katterfeld has begun his term of office but a few months since, and has accomplished all that could reasonably be expected of him, there now remains but the formality of indorsing his work by the referendum.

2,458,000,000 BUSHEL IS WHEAT CROP OF THE WORLD

That Monster Total is 3.4 Per Cent Less Than Production Last Year

Washington, D. C., July 28.—Estimates of the world's grain crops this year, formulated by the international institute of agriculture at Rome, Italy, and reported by cable to the United States department of agriculture show an aggregate wheat production of about 2,458,000,000 bushels, or 3.4 per cent less than last year, in Great Britain, Belgium, Spain, Luxemburg, European Russia, Switzerland, United States, Tunis, India, Japan and Hungary, excluding Croatia and Slavonia. The same countries, excepting India, report 2,356,000,000 bushels, or 7.6 per cent less than last year of oats and 1,000,000,000 bushels or 5.7 per cent less of barley.

COMRADE SKINNER CHANGES BASE OF OPERATIONS

Perhaps "base of operations" is a somewhat ticklish title for an article concerning a barber. No reflections, Bill!

Anyway, Skinner—say, "operations" is no more suggestive than Bill's surname—is now deftly removing "superfluous hair" at O'Conner's tonorial rooms, 2521 1-2 Wetmore. And Bill is some shaver—no, not a "kid;" he's got kids of his own. Rastus is there, too, with his musical shoe brushes. Everybody knows Rastus.

Comrade Skinner is the efficient secretary-treasurer of Local Everett No. 1, and an all-around hustler in the cause.

Land should be given to those who can use it, and tools to those who can use them.—Ruskin.

JOIN THE PARTY—THIS MEANS YOU.

Below is the application and pledge which all Socialists must make before they are given the "red card" which entitles them to a voice in the organization.

If you are a Socialist at heart, but not in the party, go to the nearest local and apply for membership. If you do not know where to go, write to the State Secretary of the Socialist Party, L. E. Katterfeld, Commerce Building, Everett, Washington.

Application for Membership in the SOCIALIST PARTY

I, the undersigned, recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, and the necessity of the working class constituting itself into a political party distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the capitalist class, hereby declare that I have severed my relations with all other parties, and I endorse the platform and constitution of the Socialist Party, including the principle of political action, and hereby apply for admission to said party.

Name _____

Occupation _____

If a Member of a Labor Organization Give Name and Number.

Street Address _____ Ward _____

City _____ State _____ County _____

Proposed by _____ Age _____

Date _____, 1914 Citizen (Yes or No) _____

PARISIAN SOCIALISTS CLUBBED BECAUSE THEY OPPOSED VIOLENCE

WORKERS CLUBBED AND IMPRISONED WHEN THEY DISAPPROVE OF MURDER

Last Monday the pious apostles of "law and order," who are opposed to Socialists because they are "against religion" and want to "break up the home," ordered out their patriotic assassins to break up the craniums of several thousand workers who made bold to march through their bosses' streets, the "boulevards of gay Paree," singing anti-murder songs and working-class hymns.

The Socialists of France, as elsewhere, do not believe in lawlessness and violence. They are opposed to murder, whether in the soldier's garb or in the black robe of the executioner.

The Socialists know that bloodshed can never take the place of justice. They understand that brute force can never serve in lieu of education. They also know that when the master-class, the pious gentry who support the churches and control the schools in their own selfish interests, call for war and a grand "rally to the flag, boys," there is money in sight—for the bosses. For the workers there is nothing in sight but mangled bodies and headless corpses.

So the workers of Europe, informed by Socialist education, do not propose to march meekly to the fife and drum and mutual extermination, for the "honor of the flag" and the profits of the bosses. They invite those who own the flag to go and fight for its "honor." Mr. E. Z. Mark has woke up! Mr. Henry Dubb has got his eyes open at last! Let the lilly-handed gentry who own the earth and its resources go out and defend the muslin, calico, silk, or whatever "the colors" happened to be made of. No one would miss them. They perform no useful social service. They are only so many social parasites. It would be a blessing to have the whole useless, worthless, lazy bunch go out on the field of battle and slaughter one another "for the honor of their country," or countries; just as the entomologist places one kind of insect in the field or orchard to kill off a still more evil pest. Yes, let the parasites do the fighting over their plunder. What has the propertyless wage-slave to fight over?

The answer of the good Christian (!) rulers of France to this question is given in the morning papers, hot from the cable. Here is a sample: Heads Cracked in Anti-War Riots in Paris.

PARIS, July 27.—Violent anti-war demonstrations occurred on the boulevards tonight, accompanied by the singing of revolutionary songs. Large forces of police and mounted republican guards frequently charged the crowds. Many persons were knocked down and injured.

When the demonstrations ended the streets were littered with broken canes. A large number of police were injured, while repressing the demonstrators of whom 800 were arrested. Verily, the days of murderous capitalism are numbered!

RATHER GOOD, IS THIS

"Grand Opera in the Open Air—and Free," is the title of a Hearst editorial. The editorial refers to Milwaukee, where there are many Socialists. The editorial praises the wonderful open-air music and plainly gives credit for it to the Socialists.

The conservatists, as the editorial calls them, "have decided that it is time to 'do something for the common people,'" we are told.

The editorial goes on to say: "Milwaukee had been run hitherto on a basis of 'everything for the few and nothing for the crowd.'"

"Now, with the Socialists coming up at every election stronger and stronger, the program is changed.

"One change consists in grand opera, which was given free to the people in the public square.

"The people responded, showing approval and appreciation, with a crowd of 10,000 at a single performance."

Then the Hearst editorial surprises one with this:

"Providence works in a mysterious way, indeed, when that political and social bugaboo, the Socialist party, drives the admirable, respectable, staid, conservative element to such a frame of mind that it actually spends money for the entertainment and pleasure of the people as a whole."

And isn't it strange, Mr. Hearst, that it always is the Socialist party that compels that sort of thing? It isn't the democratic, the republican, the Bull Moose, the independent party! It's the Socialist party—and New York is due for its little lesson before long!—The Call (N. Y.)

We make way for the man who boldly pushes past us.—Bovee.

The door of a physician should never be closed.—V. Hugo.

THIS WORLD A POSSIBLE PARADISE

By GEO. D. HERRON.

I have been trying to show that Socialism is essentially a religion, gathering unto itself the devotion of men, increasing the strength and the size of the soul, and involving the distinct spiritualization of the world. I have constantly asserted that spiritual emancipation and opportunity begin with the release of thought, of affection and aspiration, from economic strife; and that Socialism comes for this release—for the removal of strife and doubt as to daily bread. In the Socialist commonwealth, the economic life will tend to become more and more automatic. The question of the means of existence will cease to be. Spiritual desire and industrial action, the mystic moods of the soul and the outward state of society, will no longer be things different and contradictory. Industrial and social conditions will be as the expressed effluence of man's spiritual increase. The commonwealth of workers will be nothing else, indeed, than the spiritual unfolding of the race, the self-affirmation of the divine man.

Not that spiritual expansion is something which follows Socialism; for Socialism is spiritual expansion. Not Socialism and spiritual progress, but Socialism as spiritual progress, is the real subject of this paper. The unity of men in the determination to constitute the world a paradise; the dedication of their lives to this determination, and their faith in its final fulfillment; the bearing forth of this faith into the factory, the mining camp, the farmhouse and the school room; the preaching of it upon the city streets and along the country highways—all this acclaims a new and stupendous spiritual birth. The rise of man into such a faith is a veritable partaking of the body and blood of his divine selfhood. And the fulfillment of this faith, converting earth's daily labor into social beatitude, is the beginning of a new evolution. The harmonious functioning of the material will empower the soul for an advance beyond all present horizons. Apostolic Socialism is indeed the first-fruit, the precious pledge, of spiritual growth that is no less than love's eternal procession. The Socialist movement, despite its sometimes jangling disciples and its hours discordant, despite its inevitable harshness of speech and aggressive spirit, is lifting up the race's heavenly doors; and through these heavenly doors advancing, the race will rend the veils of many hidden secrets and their vast powers. And amidst the emurpled and empowered life of the world, the natural plains of man shall at last be so transmuted that death will lose its sting and the grave its victory.

SOCIALISTS TO CONVENE IN VIENNA SOON.

Representatives from every country of Europe, as well as from the United States, Australia and South Africa, will be present at the Tenth International Socialist congress, which is to be held in Vienna next month. Resolutions and reports on the following subjects will form the chief matter of discussion: Imperialism and arbitration, unemployment, the high cost of living, alcoholism, Russian prisoners, equal suffrage, militarism, emigration, co-operation, and the democratic organization of the industries.

MRS. KANEKO'S COMING NATION IS FORCED TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION

Editor of Magazine for Women Primaries to Begin New Paper in Early Fall.

The Coming Nation, formerly the Progressive Woman, has suspended publication, according to an announcement appearing in the last number, issued by its editor, Josephine Conger-Kaneko. "Fortunately," says Mrs. Kaneko, "we go out without any great damage to our readers. Our big list of late fall is expiring."

Mrs. Kaneko says she plans to reorganize in the early fall and publish a new paper.

"We expect never to get away from Socialist principles," she says, "as these alone are the hope of the world!"

7,000 MEN OUT OF WORK

Strike for 20 Per Cent Raise and Fifty-Three Hours Work.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Seven thousand members of the Inside Iron Works union here went on strike today, demanding a 20 per cent wage increase, a 53-hour week instead of 60 or 65 hours, recognition of the union and more sanitary shop conditions. Two hundred and fifty places where structural iron work is being done, are affected.

To reject an idea because it is new is not a proof of shrewd sense; it is a proof of bigoted ignorance.—R. Blatchford.

PROGRESS OF SOCIALISM IN THE U. S.

In the United States the Socialist labor party was formed in 1877, but its membership consisted mainly of men of foreign birth, and the movement made little effort at first to adapt itself to its American environment. In 1892 a presidential ticket was run, but it polled only 21,512; that number increased to 82,204 in 1896, but it was still very insignificant when compared with the total of almost 12,000,000. In 1900 the Socialist vote rose to 131,122, and on the formation of the Socialist party 442,766 in 1904; it fell again to 438,308 in 1908, but this number was more than doubled (930,589) in 1912—although, at the same time, it lost the first and only Socialist member of the house of representatives. It publishes 13 daily papers (only 5 of them in English) and 12 monthlies of which 10 are in English.

We must strive to make of humanity one single family.—Mazzini.

To avow poverty with us is no disgrace; the true disgrace is in doing nothing to avoid it.—Thueydidis.

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