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ONLY AN IDEA. Webster Pavis, who resigned his place as assistant secretary of the interior, really a refuses, because the idea is not in full posseswill find good soil in the most unexpected earth, are controlled by erroneous ideas because conditions have not been favorable for them to receive better ones. When better ideas reach them they will throw away their fellows, how can they see and feel otherwise? The chattel slave masters were, as a whole, as honest and kindly men as those who did not believe in that form of slavery, but they were raised under conditions that made it lips. Garrison and others. That is the reason that the north wanted to abolish slavery while the south wanted it retained. It was a great had been fighting for just the opposite of what they were. This is the lesson that socialists must learn. Men who oppose them are controlled by ideas and are not more dishonest and insincere than socialists. If you would have them see the beauties of social-ism, you must reach them with the new idea. As a rule, the working people, like the northorn people, can more easily be reached with the new idea than the capitalists, hence the movement takes on the apparent phase of the workers against the people with property. But the people with property are just as amenable to the ideas as the working classes if you can get at them with argument in the right spirit at the right time. Do not quarrel with people. That pushes them away. If your are not capable of reasoning with them, you had better not talk, but quietly and in that "neither said any of them that ought of you had better not talk, but quietly and in humility, ask them to read and furnish them the reading that has affected you. There are many thousands of capitalists who are socialists, and while the ideas are not deep rooted, while they do not take on active interest in the matter, they will, as soon as we shall have built up a party whose size will cause them to think more on the subject because of Its being continually presented to their attention. Notwithstanding the greater percentage of political socialists in Germany and France than in this country, I feel that socialism will be first established in this coun-The peculiar political and social structure favor, it here more than there, and when it does come as a recognized political factor, It will come like an avalanche, as did the sweeping victory of the republican party. Every person who can be reached with the

Boer idea on Davis. *********** ABOLISHED SAVINGS BANKS.

HAWAHANS for many years had furnished themselves with postal savings banks, which were very popular and as safe as the govern-ment itself. There was no desire on the part There was no desire on the part of the people to abolish them. But when the government of bankers called the United States took possession of the Islands they did not like this system for the people. It did this profit remain in the pockets of the peomoney of the people so the system was abolished by congress and now the people will have to deposit their money with the bankers who will loan it out to the people and charge them an interest on their own money just as they do here. This furnishes a fine living for a few hundred people without working for it. Besides, if it had continued our people at home might have concluded it the authorities or railroad owners, as any-possible for this government to operate savings thing else than so many slaves, whose sole possible for this government to operate savings thing else than so many slaves, whose sole banks and demanded it for their protection existence is for the pleasure and profit of the from the failures of privately conducted corporators, I have failed to come across it banks. And so the Hawaiians are tasting And yet there are a million railroad employes some of the benefits of a government of, by

and for banks and menopolists. Wunn weeking people go out on a strike for higher wages the troops are sent to keep the peace. When the trusts go out for higher predite (wages for doing nothing) did you ever hear of troops being sent? The difference is because working people vets the fifteness is because working people vets the trusts.

The difference is because working people vets the provergement fine the hands of the trusts.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

¥999999999999999999999999999 A dispatch from the Pacific coast shows that by bribing officials, thousands of Chinese cabinet position, to lecture in the interest of have been permitted to come into this country the Boers, shows the power of an idea. An under the guise of being returning citizens. idea, once deeply rooted, will take a man off Here is something I would like to have the the throne, will make a man die for it, will laboring men think about. There is no quesmove the world. This is the first idea that thon that the officers would not have permitted ever hit Davis, and see what it has done. He this had they not been bribed, for they would have had all to lose and nothing to gain. sion of him, to denounce the administration Now who did the bribing? It may have been which has in all ways aided Britain in this the Chinese or it may have been the corpor-This administration is really con- ations by whom they were immediately emtrolled by ideas from Britain. The people ployed. It makes no difference which, for it here are against Britain. Davis is brilliant was for the sake of employment with corporthough shallow in understanding. What an idea will do to note that not one of these Chinese are or will any person. That is the reason we should be employed by the government. The poliplaces. Keep the idea that the earth is flat they know it. But how can your votes save before children and permit not the reasoning you from being forced to compete with Chithat has proven it a sphere, and the world will nese labor in the various industrial fields not believe it flat. The alleged great men who in operated by the public? Cannot be done. all the dark past ruled and who still rule the Then does it not stand to reason that if the these Chinamen would not have come, for there would have been nothing they could employ old ideas and adopt the new and better. Ed- themselves at, and you could by your votes ucated to believe that men have a right to control the conditions and wages in the inown and use capital to make a profit off their dustries? You must be blind indeed if you cannot see that. Therefore it is to your interest to make it impossible for corporations to employ anybody, by having the public that you can and do control by your votes assume the employment of all the people. That will almost impossible for them to see slavery in solve the Chinese question. When the pubany other light than the prevailing one of lic conducts all business no alien could find a their section. On the contrary, the men in place in which he could use the land or anythe north were under different environments thing on the land without your consent. and more readily accepted the idea of Phil- That you have to compete with Chinese is because you believe in and vote men into office who believe in private ownership of land and machinery. You suffer by it, and yet will struggle of an idea for mastery. Had the not change it, because your employers con-people of the sections been reversed, the men trol the men who control your votes—the editors and politicians. How quickly would you vote for the public ownership of industries if your party were to put it in the platform and send out their politicians telling you what a grand thing it would be! Now why not sit down and reason out for yourself just how such a change would affect you? Politics can be made to help or injure you. The rich people use it for their benefit. Why

not do the same in your own interest? A READER wants to know the difference between communism and socialism. Communism is the holding of ALL things in com mon-the practice of the Christians in the time of Christ and for about three hundred the things which he possessed was his own but they had all things common." This would carry the community of things to clothing and household effects. Socialism demands the common ownership of the earth, machinery and exchange, but the things which individuals want for their personal use, such as clothing, food, household effects, horses for pleasure, etc., rightly belong to the individual as private property. Under socialism, where the capital used in produc tion would be furnished by the public there would be no desire on the part of individuals to own it, as there is now, for it would be useless to them. It is now desired as a leverage by the possessors to pry out of those who do not possess some percentage of profit

something for nothing. of life, put your best exertion into putting the new ideas before your neighbors, and the result on many of them will be the same as the at less cost and make better products than the thousands of small bakeries, and that it proposes to do it—that the retailers must buy bread of it or fight to the finish. There is none statement of the trust, as reported in the constant of March 6, that will their ends.—Mail and Empire, Toronto, Canada. New York Commercial of March 6, that will sound queer. It is that bread is sold cheaper in Europe than in this country, but that the people don't seem to care, and that at the prices prevailing the trust can make a profit of \$7,300,000 a year on the bread of New Wonder if it would not be bet-York alone. ter to have the city make the bread and have need? Perhaps not; it is better to have more

> THE minister of railroads in Canada has recognized the telegraph operators of the subject. He is not as wise as some of his Inter-Colonial railroad and granted them a readers.
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> 15-day holiday a year. If the telegraphers in the United States are recognized by any of whose interests are identical, and who could

person. That is the reason we should the ideas for socialism broadcast. They I find good soil in the most unexpected by corushed by your votes of disapproval and they know it. But how can your votes save you from being forced to compete with Chinese labor in the various industrial fields not operated by the public? Cannot be done. Then does it not stand to reason that if the dark past ruled and who still rule the the, are controlled by erroneous ideas becaused on the corporations were operated by the government. The political who would suggest such a thing would be crushed by your votes save your votes save you from being forced to compete with Chinese labor in the various industrial fields not operated by the public? Cannot be done. Then does it not stand to reason that if the corporations were operated by the government. The political who would suggest such a thing would kind to us in the past, we give on the opposite each one is put the percentage of increasin cost for 1900 over that of 1890. Our price is alseed only enough to cover increased cost of raw material.

Then does it not stand to reason that if the corporations were operated by the government.

The political variation of those who have been so kind to us in the past, we give on the opposite each one is put the percentage of increasing the past, and they know it. But how can your votes save the page, a partial list of the tiems of raw material used in making grain drills. An opposite each one is put the percentage of increasing the page, a partial list of the tiems of raw material used in making grain drills. An opposite each one is put the percentage of increasing the page, a partial list of the tiems of raw material used in making grain drills. An opposite each one is put the percentage of increasing the page, a partial list of the liems of raw material used in making grain drills. An opposite each one is put the percentage of increasing the page, a partial list of the limb to the page, a partial list of the limb to the page, a partial list of th

HAVING mastered the cracker, cake and millionaires to give the people employment!

get any kind of law passed and enforced, upon which they will agree.

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A LESSON TO STUDY.

*********************** This is the first time in our mister, that a century, when it has been necessary to come to our friends and customers with a price come to our friends and customers with a price come to our friends and customers. Experience hereadvanced over previous years. Experience tofore has always been in the direction of lower values, but the present prosperous times have worked a change in business conditions and we

are compelled to pay large advances in price for every item of raw material we lise. For the information of those who have been so

spring, 100, screws 103, springs coiled, 140, wire annealed, 40, wire nails 153, wheels, steel, 67.— Empire Drill Co., Shertsville, N. Y.

Let me call your attention to a few thoughts connected with this statement. There is no denving advance in prices-but the necessity for it. Take the first item of bolts: Will any one say that it costs nearly three times as much today to produce bolts as it did last year? Bolts are Iron. To produce them means that iron has to be mined, smelted and machined. All this is a matter of labor this year just as it was last year. Better machines are used now than then .. This bolt is 'raw material" to this drill maker-but where is the increase in the cost? Let us assume that wages have been increased 10 % or even 50 % (which they have not); but why the other 130 %? There is no increase in the cost of the raw material, for the improved machinery and methods more than offset the increase in wages, if there has been an increase, and there is nothing but wages in the production of anything. The increase is the arbitrary power of trusts to levy taxation on the whole people for their private benefit without the people having the right of representation in the matter-the very thing against which our revolutionary fathers took up arms and tried to shoot kings to death. It

is nothing but taxation without representa-Then suppose that there has been an increase in the price of articles only in the same ratio with the increase of wages-would the makers and the public be any more prosperous? If a man's wages be increased 10% and the things he buys increase 10%, is he not just the same? But if things he buys innot just the same? But if things he buys inlieving the same lies from those who are on crease more than 10% then he has virtually their backs. prosperity of a man come in at, if he has a cut in wages? There has been an increase has not been increased by any such amountwhere then is the prosperity of the masses?

the kings are the country? as shown by this circular, have they not the

written an article to prove that the bicycle has increased the "crimes of burglary and murder."

On the contrary, you will find that 939 of each 1000 burglars and murderers are liberals and conservatives in Canada; democrats and republicans in the United States; members of the kings' and capitalist parties in England, Germany and France. But what else could one expect from editors who call socialist and anarchist the same? He evidently has no dictionary and never read a work on either Still socialism is rapidly gaining subject. ground in Canada. That item was forwarded to me by a dozen different Canadians to show me the utter ignorance of the editor on the

connect the assassination of Goebel of Ken- eration paid. But labor in this country has tucky with the socialists? Surely this must not yet learned this great truth and still votes be the work of socialists! When some tyrant to uphold the republican and democratic parking or queen, whose long oppression has ties and gets turned out to starve. I note goaded some person to strike back, the act is also that the carpenters in Kansas City are goaded some person to strike back, the act is at once attributed to socialists. The wealthy owners of the associated press of this couptry love royally; thay do not have that feeling that Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Paine and Frankin had. These latter would have their interest, the law says that no employand Frankin had. These latter would have liked to have destroyed all kings. Our threat posses send messages of sympathy to kings! What politics had the people who things! What politics had the people who things! What politics had the people who things! Please answer is the next help. Which methods would be best for you, workingman?

THERE is a great howl going up from a lot of well-fed threats for the people to contrib-ute liberally to send relief to the starving people in India. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in printing and postage are being used -but it is all expected back with an increase when the contributions come in! Not a cent for India. It would only be giving to keep up a lot of work slaves so that British capitalists and office-holders would not have to feed them. Feeding these people only helps England control them. Better millions to drive England out, as the Spanish were driven out for doing the same thing, than a cent to keep the souls in the bodies of slaves. Remove the cause and the effects will disappear. For years there has been more raised in India than all the people could consume, but it has been taken in the way of interest, rent, tax, profit and salaries to support the conquerors. If it was right to drive out the Spanish, why not right to drive out the British, as they were driven out of this country? But before that is attempted, it would be better to drive all foreign capital out of this country that is sucking hundreds of millions out of the people in the way of dividends We, too, are subjects of British capital. And when that capital has had a few more years, it will reduce our people to the same condition that the people of India are suffering. And there will be plenty of commercial and political Benedict Arnolds who will help them do it, while they revel in the wealth the whole people has created. Let British capitalists feed their own cattle.

THE Globe Shipbuilding Co., Cleve, and, Ohio, has announced the pensioning of one of its mules after 17 years of faithful service. It is to have three meals a day, a good place to sleep and the freedom of the yard. looked all over the paper to see where it had pensioned some of the men who had grown old and helpless in its service, but the reporter had evidently overlooked it! Mules are more considered than men-in fact they cost more. Men are to be had for the asking, but mules have to be bought. A society organized on s basis that would pension off the workers after years of faithful service would be a horrible state of society, wouldn't it? You say men should make provision for their old age. How about the pensioning off of the army officers, the judges, and other useless drones of society who draw larger pay than the average worker? Why retire them with a fine income if men should make provision for themselves? A man who has worked and produced wealth twenty years of his life has produced more than he consumes in a lifese has not consumed it in the few years, for he could not. Society has consumed it and society should provide for its workers. But to pension the workers-holy horrors! Pen sion the drones, pension the mules-but the

THE merchant of today is little else than an agent for the distribution of the products in the price of nexrly every article of from of the trusts mills and factories. He no 10% to 100%, while the wages of the masses longer buys and sells, but orders and pays longer buys and sells, but orders and pays the price dictated to him and sells at the price the makers instruct. He has no voice If the majority of people get less than last in what he pays nor the price at which he year is the country prosperous? Or is it sells. As the great majority of merchants prosperous because the kings have a greater fail, he would be much better off if he had a revenue than formerly, on the theory that salary and took none of the chances of trade. He is rapidly sinking to the level of his own If the trusts can and have increased the employes and every year more and more of price (not cost) of articles from 40% to 180% once independent merchants are becoming clerks. It is thus they are caught in the trap power to increase it as much more as they of their own making. It will not be long like? And if they have this power, are the until the trusts will be unwilling for a dozen shoe-maker. The statement is approximately people not subject to them? And if they merchants so-called to make a living out of are subjects are they feee? And there you the goods and will put in one store, employ socialist idea teday will mean ten in the next five years. If you want to enjoy the benefits of that glorious system in the evening time of life put you heat evening the bread business. The trust has announced its Professor Lombrosa, socialist and anarchist, has factory than having accounts with thousands are not allowed to gobble all the best food. of dealers all over the country, with the in- But just as soon as the home is left behind evitable losses that will occur. Then where and the world of competition entered, we are will be your retail dealers? The trusts are ready for the chance to snatch the food out after making money, and that will make of the mouths of the weak and sick and help-them more than any other tack they can take. less, and do it. A home in which the rules Speed the day when they will do this, for by injustice of the present system of commerce.

Tur steel trust has closed three large plants at Joliet, Ill., and 1,000 men are turned into the street. These men will be denounced as too lazy to work when they are pointed to by the property class. All the same their lack of employment is solely due to the economic fact that the hours of labor are not reduced in proportion to the increased means of production. If the public owned and operated the iron and all other industries, and the working of ten hours produced more iron and other products than the people wanted, the WHY does not the associated press try to hours would be reduced and the same remun-

We quote the following from the Appeal to Reason: "Now is your opportunity. See that every headquarters of the strikers are supplied with stacks of Appeals and other socialist litera-ture." Truly a noble class in which to instill the theories of this method of government, which has for its policy the reconstruction of society, and the equalizing of the distribution of wealth. Verily, an appeal to reason.—Berkeley, Cala., Ga-

Yes, when your capitalistic system has driven men into revolt, socialists should put the literature before them to show that they have the power in the ballot to make and enforce such laws and conditions as they, the majority, want. Your republican-democratic political economy has produced the strikes. It starves the workers and surfeits the drones. It brings the workers and the masters into open conflict, threatening revolution. These strikers have been voting your tickets, and in doing so have been bringing these conditions on themselves. We want them to see this and they will meet the masters at the ballot box as they now meet them in the strike. They will learn how to reconstruct society and equalize the distribution of wealth, and they will have no masters, nor newspapers in the pay of the masters, to miseducate them. And what is more and still more glorious, it is coming and coming fast. Yes, scatter the socialist literature that they may get their eyes open and save the country from a terrific revolution that is presaged by these strikes.

IF THE capitalistic papers of Denver are to be credited with any reliance, "murder is a virtue in Huerfano county," the coal mining slave pens of the Colorado Coal and Fuel Co. In a series of articles being printed is shown a state of affairs that would be credited only to thugs, and the officers, apparently in the pay of the mining companies, are the executioners and nothing is ever done about it. Any man who objects to the rules of the company is doomed. Men are put in fail and murdered. Russia is not worse than the condition which these capitalistic papers picture of our own country. But it will always be so while corporations rule. The men who rule here are inspired by the same motives of those who rule in any other lands and will hesitate at no crime to perpetuate their rule and make money. Under socialism there would be no private wealth accumulated by other than assistance in its production, and all the incentive or inducements for wrongs to get property would be taken away. But the people in their ignorance and stupidity are prejudiced against socialism and will have none of it, because they do not know what it All the crimes we have, all the injustice,

all the ignorance, are the results of education

of the masses by the ruling property class that the rulers may amass fortunes off the

millions. This is as true of Americans as

other peoples. We can look abroad and see

And the stupidity, but cannot see the errors which are the same liere as there. In an item copied from the "Class Struggle" into the APPEAL of April 14th, was the statement that "in Brockton, Mass., 21,000 people produced over \$21,000,000 of shoes at factory price. This was over \$5,000 for every shoe-maker, who took \$600 of his own product for his pay and turned over \$4,400 to his master for the privilege of working."
This appears to be an error, as 21,000 people would only receive \$1,000 in producing \$21,-000,000 of shoes. But the total shoe population of Brockton is but 21,000 and assuming that there is one shoe worker for every five of population, the balance being women, children, superannuated and sick, there would be but 5,000 shoe-makers out of the 21,000 population, which would make about \$5,000 for each

correct. This in reply to critics. In the home we practice socialism. It is of millions a year and be much more satis- else. The weak are helped, and the strong less, and do it. A home in which the rules of commerce were practiced would become a it alone can the attention of the average mer-chant be made to understand the crudity and get the best things for ourself in every transaction, will lie and adulterate and deceive to get the better of the other fellow. But when that fellow comes into our home he is offered the best seat, the best place at the table and is assisted to the best at the board, even if you go with a little less than you would have!

Environment makes the dif. THE Monte Carlo gambling hell has just declared a dividend of nearly two and a half millions, after paying all expenses amounting to two millions, among which I notice was \$60,000 in salaries to the bishop and clergy and \$400,000 to newspapers. Can you see why crime flourishes, when the pulpit and press are working for meney? All these newspapers and preachers are opposed to so-cialism—it would be se bad for the people! But gambling that robe the public of millions and produces hundreds of salvides yearly on the island of Monace is all right—se long as they can get some of the money robbed from the victims. This world is full of queer

WRITE to your congressman or senator feet Senate Document No. 52. You are taxed to pay for such papers and are exted to pay for such papers and are entitled to it free. That document is worth a great deal to you. It will surprise you. Write before the supply is exhausted.

What Militarism and Imperialism Mean.

(This strong arraignment of militartem from the great European socialist is logical consequences of science.
Thompson, "Dangle" of the London Clarion stuff in response to a summary of the present state of English public Look at Italy, look at Germany, you Englishmen of the state of English public like the present state of English public look at Italy, look at Germany, you Englishmen of the state of English public like the present state of English public look at Italy, look at Germany, you Englishmen of the state of Englishmen

AM now, for a short holiday, living in Italy-a paradise by the grace of nature, and inhabited by an intelligent, sober, and industrious people—a peo.

ple with the memory of a most glorious past; and all faculties for a not less glorious pres-ent—and Italy is ruined, impoverished, and driven from the path of modern civilization that is losing the time of life. And for two by Imperialism and Militarism.

I am by birth a German, and, like every good socialist and internationalist, I have always tried to fulfil the national duties to. ward my country. I am a good patriot, if patriotism means to work and fight for the liberty and welfare of my country. Well, in this my fight I have always against me the two great enemies of progress and civiliza-tion—Militarism and Imperialism. Militarism and Imperialism, they are ruining Ger-many as they are ruining Italy. Germany, once the land with the best schools, has now perhaps the worst schools in all Europeshools, it is true, which must be visited by all children, and in which all children learn a little reading and writing-but schools in which instead of truth the most studie superstition is preached, schools by which independent thinking is forbidden and suppressed, manhood broken, and blind obedience to the authorities that be taught. Instead of educating men our schools have the aim to educate subjects, slaves, soldiers, soldiers ready at the command from above to shoot father, mother, sisters, and brethren. And Universities. High schools look at our (Hochschulen) they are called, and in reality they are low schools of the lowest servility and Byzantinism. Take Berlin. Dr. Schwenninger, a person guilty of, and by the courts of law condemned to prison for a disgraceful ment does not care for it; it has its big army, and infamous act, was, about sixteen years ago, made professor of that first University ment wants. of Germany at the bidding of Prince Bisin earnest or resigned his professorship. Dr. second order. First the soldier, then the Schwenninger is to this day professor of the citizen.

University of Berlin. And now another pioture! A few days ago my friend, Dr. Aroas, walks through the streets. In some way or years had been Privatdocent, that is, lecturer, at the University, loved by his heaters, eswhy? Because he is a Socialist and a Free. duty. thinker. In other words, because he is truly ism! a man of science and at the same time a man

Denmark has eight socialist dailies.

socialist members.

peared at Amsterdam.

Increased threefold

erecting a statue to him at Dijon.

tion has been passed in Belgium,

Paris will be held September 23-27,

1900 under the editorship of M. Jaures.

D'Annunzio, poet, author and aristocrat,

lishmen, pefore you throw yourselves into the arms of Militarism and Imperialism. Think what Militarism and Imperialism mean DIt means that your young men must saerifice and lose two years of their life—for being in barracks, doing no useful work, learnyears at the least Milltarism requires that, because in less time a man cannot be changed into a machine, a teel!

Think. Every man fit for military service is taken from his work for two years, and at and not long, either. that time of life when man works best. Two years of work of the best workers, robbed to the nation! What an immense loss of capital, of national wealth! And to Englishmen I need not tell, that the greater the sum of national work, the greater is the sum of us. tional wealth, and of national strength and

A deet you must have as long as there exist conqueror states like Russia. A fleet you must have, and you can have without ruining yourselves. A feet and a big armythat is too much, even for a nation as rich as yours. However, the expenses are not the

Militarism and Imperialism does not only mean impoverishing the nation, it means enslaving it. With a big army like ours there is no guarantee of liberty and right. The government that has a big army has the means of imposing its will on the people, and it is in human nature that men who have the power to domineer, will domineer.

Look at Italy and look at Germany! Whatever the people wish and want the governand the people have to do what the govern-

Militarism and Imperialism mean that the marck, and most of the professors protested man who is not a soldier is a man only of

one of our best men of science in the young other he excites the anger of a soldier. The generation, an excellent teacher, who for soldier arrests the citizen -he has the right to do it. The citizen resists. The soldier shoots the citizen as the hunter shoots the teemed by all men of real science -a few hare -shoots him, kills him in the open days ago he was removed from the Universtreet. He has the right to do it. He is glish tribute. If India were as rich as she is sity at the bidding of the Government. And even praised by his superior for doing his peor she could stand not this constant bleeding That is Militarism! That is Imperial-

Look at Italy, look at Germany!

endeavor to secure a new trial for complete FOREIGN ITEMS

Hon. A. W. Puttee, Labor-Socialist, has been elected to the Canadian parliament. This is the first time it has occurred in that Socialists have started a weekly at Valencia, body.

Women's associations in Germany are peti The Copenhagen city council includes nine tioning the government to include domestic servants among the working people who are

insured against accidents. A new socialist daily, Het Volk, has ap-The socialists have wen another seat in the

Berlin council, making 23 in all—a large majority. It must grind the emperor to have France has paid homage to Garibaldi by his own city in the control of socialists.

An act endorsing proportional representa-The socialists cast more votes in Lader berg, Germany, than the combined opposition. They have just scored their first vic-The International Socialist Congress at tory in Sulzfield and doubled their vote in

The Prussian Polish socialists, have voted German Social Democrats defeated the to join the German national socialist league Emperor's scheme to grant greater power to the police and enable them to more easily Prospects in Italy are bright for immense

The Polish Socialist party in Galicia has started a daily socialist paper called Naprzod, Zweck der Arbeit soil das Gemeinwohl sein," perceive the irony of it all, pointing to its excites us as soon as a new war is announced; their ancestors ruthlessly plunged, combat

The Land Nationalization Society, London, England, is working with trades unionists, In thirty-five cities of Denmark where elections were recently held the socialist vote co-operators and socialists and three important conferences will be held at Glasgow, Edinburgh and Manchester.

Gabriel d'Annunzio, the famous novelist, New Zealand newspaper proprietors conwho is an Italian deputy, will hereafter cast his influence with the socialists. sider 34 to 36 cents per hour fair pay for s influence with the socialists.

The leading socialist writers of France will 55 cents. Matter referred to Central Board compile a history of France from 1789 to of Arbitration and Conciliation.

A change has beed made in the method of voting for members of the municipal council member of the Italian parliament has left of Victora which gives the rich full control of the monarchists, and joined the socialists. the election of three fourths of the members. Social Democrats of the city organized meet-Frederick Sterky, noted Swedish socialist ings and processions, but were powerless to died at Stockholm, age 40. Gave himself prevent the gerrymander.

and wealth to advance the cause of socialism. When Dr. Agrons was forced out of Berlin university for teaching socialism, he was promptly elected editor of a socialist paper and will be elected to the Reichtag. The emperor will find him more potent there than

of representatives of the city and delegates to embroil our two countries in a fratricidal elected by workers and employers.

C. Battachi, an Italian socialist, was falsely accused of bomb throwing and condemned to penal servitude for life. His commades announced that he would be nominated

27. As usual the socialists and radicals for parliament from one district after another united their forces and the candidates neminated by mutual agreement were elected by metal agreement were elected by about 15,000 votes each, a majority of 3000

over the candidates of the conservative party. Ten years ago there was 36 conservatives and not a single radical or socialist in the Copenhagen city council. It is now composed as follows: 15 radicals, 12 socialists, 3 liberals, 6 censervatives. By working in harmony the radicals and socialists have now complete control of the city administration and are even able to select new burgomasters (mayors) of which there are four for the city.

The Russian police were given information as to the printing outfit of the socialist paper Rabetsik at Lodz. The plant was seized and seven persons were arrested. In spite of this the paper was issued, and the next number gave the name of the man who had betraved it.

The socialists have carried Kockelberg, Belgium, for the first time. In that country a large majority of the veters are socialists. but owing to reyalty, clericals and wealthy classes having many votes each, they are not yet able to control it. But they are gaining every day and it is only a matter of time-

"It used to be said by our opponents in the early days of the socialist movement," says Justice, "that a socialist administration having centrel of public halls and owning the newspapers, would inevitably stop all criticism of its actions, and thus all freedom. which could only exist whilst there was private property in large halls and in the press, would be put an end to. The present state of affairs should serve as a useful object les-som to any who may still hold these views." Justice alludes to the breaking up by rowdies and without any interference on the part of the authorities, of all meetings against the "This means," Justice adds, "that all criticism and attack on the most infamous the nineteenth century is pretty well stifled."

It was not surprising that the House of Commons on Tuesday rejected Sir. William Wedderburn's motion for an inquiry into the causes of famine in India. It may be that some our legislaters do not knew the real causes of these famines. In that case their ignerance is mere culpable. We rather incline to the opinion that they know what lies at the root of the mischief well enough, but it suits them best to profess to be ignorant because they are interested in the present condition of things. The only man who aypears to have gone to the root of the matte in the debate was Mr. Maclean. He denounced the tendency to always put upon Providence the responsibility for the famines, which, as has been shown in these pages over and over again, and as Mr. Maclean claimed. are due t onething but the constant drain of produce from India in order to pay the Esof her resources. Today there are five milliens of people on the so-called relief works, and many more millions dying of hunger, but these facts do not disturb the equanimity of the triffers who are entrusted the destinies of these unfortunate people and the future of the beginning of humanity, in heroic times, that "Empire in the East" of which our jings war was essentially an aggressive measure: a imperialists are so proud, but about whose welfare they care so little.—Justice, London rob them of their country and reduce them

A Visionary.

I love a visionary; for he who stands for a reigns,) a visionary. For as Herbert Spencer says, "The worse the condition of society church, university, and newspaper, and their usage. An age of innumerable and aug- of defending the frontiers. menting multitudes, abject, hopeless, and steel-mills, electrical foundries, and ritual-

-00333393333333550033333333933339₄ M. ZOLA ON WAR.

EMILE ZOLA, whose defense of Drevfus shook France and attracted the interest of the O civilized world, has written a characteristic article on war for the North American Review which is published in the April number. He attacks war in a forcible manner as "a useless atrocity."

M. Zela believes that the coming of secialism will do away with war.
"In the first place," he says, "I must con-

fess that my whole being rebels against the idea of war. Its massacres exasperate me and appear to me a useless atrocity. This may seem a sentimental view of the matter, one for which temperament and mental and physical habits are undoubtedly responsible, but it is also a reasonable view, for, in looking back over history, I am amazed at the bloody uselessness of war.

"I have not yet found, and I believe no one has discovered, the pretended law of civilization demanding that nations mercilessly attack one another. In the beginning there was evident need of war, it being the means by which nations were enabled to establish themselves and to acquire their respective strips of land. Then came immigration, pelitical upheavals, long hereditary hatred; but, apart from that, I doubt if, as has sometimes been alleged, war has been a means to-wards civilization. Our map of the world bears no trace of it as a civilizing element. All great conquerors such as Alexander, Casar, Charlemagne and, at a later day, Na-peleon, bettered the world only by what they were able to give it of the good and beautiful. and we are shocked at the hurtful consequenees of some of their brilliant exploits. act which has stained British history during The great empires founded by their splendid warlike achievements have crumbled away, and are known to us only through history, through the pen-the work of the sword has

disampeared. "Could it be proven that each new empire came nearer being civilized than did its predecessors, then it could be maintained that the work of arms tended to bring about this civil progress. But, in history, we see empires fall one after another, and very often darkness follows their decline. For instance, if we affirm that, in conquering the world, the Romans civilized it, we cannot claim that the rest of humanity was thereby much improved, because it was then that the barbaric hordes appeared, and after their brutal invasions the Reman Empire relapsed into noth ingness, and the long, dark night of the Middle Ages settled for centuries upon it. Then, with the Renaissance, Roman civilization awoke and it was the Arts, Literature, the Codes and the spirit of legislation that revived it. Therefore, again we say that whatever remains of nations is not due to warlike deeds, but to artistic, literary, scientific, and social achievements fostered in time of peace.

"We are, I hope, witnessing in our day a slow transformation of the object of war. to slavery. Today, if such be the intenion, at least it is not avowed. There is no longer question of anything but war of defense; one's domestic peace and possessions just social order has ever been, as he ever are threatened, and one enters the field will be, (while the savagery of commercialism merely in self-defense. The most military nations of the day, those most thoroughly organized and best equipped for war, excuse the more visionary must a true code of morals themselves for being for such a footing on Our era will pass into history as the plea that it is solely upon the eventual de one bereft of ideals and which prestituted its fense of their country. Not one of them vast energy to the acquisition of the grossest would confess that it meditates an attack and most contemptible exponent of human upon its neighbor and seeks the conquest of power; in which complex theft and reprisal the world. It seems, therefore, that puround advocates and beneficiaries in state, pose of war is losing its virulence, since it no longer dares to be one, of conquest and roots in the ethics interweft in commercial seeks its justification in the single necessity

gains by the socialists in the next general suppress public entertainments, sale of brutalized, in process of submergence—of in vain do we seek to encourage fraternity glow in the dying embers of war? Would it The life motto of Alfred Krupp was "Der ism and rapid-fire guns; an age too cross to blood a sort of atavism which agitates and gage in combat similar to that into which "Forward."

In Warenme, Belgium, the socialist vote has increased from 1,500 in 1894 to 10,900

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believe that, soener or later, warfare will ... come a thing of the past. As I have stated, many reasons seem to indicate that it is being gradually eliminated from civilization; it will end by cesting toe high a price and being too murderous in its effects. Europe, not to mention a country which I know well, will be on the fair road to bankruptcy if she persists in keeping all nations on a war footing, if she continues the manufacture of guns that are becoming daily more costly and more destructive, and if she stock her arsenals with shells, which, when such missiles are required, must be discarded for those of later manufacture, the deadly secrets of which are as yet unknown to neighboring nations. The chief reason for the eventual disappearance of war is that it will have become useless. When speaking thus, I have in mind the democratic movement, the great seclalistic movement, which, within the last hundred years, has made such advancement. In my way of thinking, the real human struggle is no lenger on the field of battle, but on that of labor; in industry, in agriculture, in fact in every human effort for production and properity. The mighty contest going on today is that between capital and remunerative labor. I am convinced that now, in our day, there is in progress as important and decisive a social transformation as took place in olden times, when slavery was abolished and paid labor introduced. It required a great change to bring about such an issue, a change which caused the overthrow of the Roman Empire. The idea of having no slaves for manual and agricultural labor, industrial and domestic work; the thought of abolishing slavery and replacing it by comething else, could not be entertained, and called forth the most vehement protestations even from the intellectual and liberal-minded. It was deemed impossi-ble to live without slaves, and the hue and cry arose: 'By what can you replace them?'
How live without them?' And when slavery was superseded by paid labor, a new state of things was created, even empires being carried away. And therein Christianity played a great part. It declared all men equal, helped to destroy slavery and created, to a certain extent, the modern laborer, thereby immensely benefitting humanity.

"Well, teday the situation is pretty much the same. They say: 'How can a nation exist without paid workmen? How can work be accomplished unless the workmen are remunerated? And by what can you replace workmen?' There have been precursors, apestles, like Saint Simon, Auguste Comte, Proudhen, and above all, Fourier, who have sketched or outlined a future society in which the question of wages and salaries was not considered even by workmen themselves; in which there was co-operation, community of interests and responsibilities; in fact, an entirely new state of affairs which was destined to replace actual pay. And it is evident that we are tending toward just such a state. The contention that we witness is really between capital and labor, and will eventually lead us to that other state which, as yet, is not clearly defined, but which will surely exact a total re-organization-of labor and bring abouta new distribution of riches. Yes, I maintain that this state of future society is the object for which we are now struggling, the new ideal toward which we are advancing, in direct opposition to the ideal of war which has so long stirred the passions of nations.

"It is certain that in this future society war will be unheard of because the re-organization of labor will everywhere beget greater solidarity, bind different nations closer together, either by arbitration or some other means of which we have, as yet, formed no conception. War cannnot be a factor in this future state which the struggles of a closing century will link to the century about to dawn. It will be doomed to disappear, for it will be incompatible with the new condition of things.

"Is it a dream to believe that we are with war's last agony? Do not a thousand symptoms indicate the fact? May not the furore caused by the question of military equipment

Thin Gasoline.

I use a gasoline engine for pumping water gratulation that your endeavors aim to secure old warlike atavism which prompts us to apto mankind brotherhood and justice, and joyous living.

J. F. Cooper.

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J. F. Cooper. because it was part water. How it splutters. "This fact is certainly ominous, and yet I and splashes and flies al! over our engine room. The brother (I saw him parading on Sunday with a bible in the hand) who acts as agent for brother Rocke' Her, may not have. put this water in the gardine, or he may-if there is a loss by leakage he may have to make it up a nother a cut who brings me gasoline said when I offered him an APPEAL, Oh. I ge that paper but don't get time to read it. Liter I am back from my trip I have to sleep." "My!" I said, "what you are missing." Some people thick they are help-ing the Lord in this world, when the fact is they are only working for the devil and Mark Hanna.

In every department of business, we are continually confronted with false measurements, light weight, or counterfeit dilutions. I am clear disgusted with the dishonesty of this competitive system and will hail the dawn of the co-operative day when we shall have a system that will not breed hypocrisy E. A. BONINE. and crime.

Looking Backward H. B. Ashplant, 10C

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Three Swiss socialists have been elected at Zurich to the municipal council and another has been elected to the local cantonal assem-The socialist vote in Europe is about as a professor.

8,000,000. It will take eight years before that many will be polled in this country, but in speaking of English parliamentaments along the speaking of English parliaments along the speaking the speaking of English parliaments along the speaking the speaki

Zurich's municipal council will establish a than ever with English socialists, and to labor bureau to be managed by a committee fight against the fools and madmen who seek

THE CREED TO BE.

Our thoughts are moulding unseen spheres,
And like a blessing or a curse
They thunder down the formless years,
And ring throughout the universe.
We build our future by the shape
Of our desires and not by acts,
There is no pathway of escape
No priest-made oreed can alter facts.

alvation is not begged or bought;
Too long this selfish hope sufficed;
Too long man recked with lawless thought,
And leaned upon a tortured Christ. shriveled leaves these worn-out creeds Are dropping from religion's tree he world begins to know its needs And souls are crying to be free;

Free from the load of fear and grief
Man fashioned in an ignorant age;
Free from the ache of unbelief
He fled to in rebellious rage. That fed the first crude souls evolved, but mounting up on daring wings He questions mysteries long unsolved.

Above the chant of priests, above The blatant tongue of braying doubt. He nears the still small voice of Love, Which sends its simple message out.
And dearer, sweeter, day by day.
Its mandate echoes from the skies:
"Go roll the stone of self away,
And let the Christ within thee rise."

THE CHRISTS OF TRADE.

RANDOLPH BEDFORD in South African Witness, CHRISTS of the Age of Trade: Martyrs of beams generally.

Dying to build up a bank where men shall be

bought and sold,
buding your death on the plank, with the scaffold for crucifix,
Taking your life in your teeth that the few
may be seized of gold—
Martyrs who perish unduly—your life for your

meat give ye. Your archetype died for the millions—you died for a twain of three.

Building the mighty bridge for the freight of the hucksters' wares, Raising great Babel towers that dip in the deep

Raising great isabel towers that dip in the deep of the cloud,
Selling your life with the days—with the sweat and the whitening of hairs—
High on the raking scaffold you build, while you stitch your shroud—
Making an earth-broad progress that goes not to what made.

you when made.

And leaving your blood on the stones of the town of the Age of Trade.

You build up the hall and the mansion, and lo! when your work is dene,
Your sweat and your toil you hide in the hut
by the fever drain;
and you paint in rose and in chrome for the eyes

of the prince's son, osleep in your hovel if unhaply ye

And then—to sleep in your hovel if unhapty ye be not slain.
On the bloody cross of the scaffold which your All and their naught hath made,
In the land that is owned by Barabbas—oh!
Christs of the Age of Trade.

CLEAR THE WAY.

CHARLES MACKAY.

Men of thought—be up and stirring alght 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 blow;
here's a midnight—blackness changing into

fen of thought and men of action, clear the way

Once the welcome light has broken, who shall

What the unimagined glories of the day? What the unimagined glories of the day?
What the evil that shall perish in its ray?
Aid it 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

ol a cloud's about to vanish from the day; and a brazen wrong to crumble into clay.

Loi the right's about to conquer; clear the way

With the night shall many more

Enter smiling at the door:
With the giant wrong shall fall
Meny others great and small,
That for ages long have held us for their prey;
Men of thought and men of action, clear the way

What Eugene Debs Says.

"Character should count for more than

xtreme poverty. 'Many a man who is poor in money is ich in principle."

"John Brown is aptly called the percussion ap of the civil war. "The demagogues of the past are the demi-

gods of the present.' "The American congress is a moss-covered museum of antiquities.

"Our children are becoming mere cogs in the wheels of industry.' "The millionaire has as much too much as

the tramp has too little.' "Capitalism makes criminals of men. would make men even of criminals."

"I would rather be right with the minority than wrong with the majority. · Rockefeller's Standard Oil University is a

pillared pile of public plunder. "The present day rule of business is might against right-cunning against conscience.' Government ownership of railroads is better than railroad ownership of govern-

"Under present conditions it doesn't pay to work. It pays better to work those who

died amidst riches but his shroud had no

"If the arm of corporate greed could reach Old Sol there would be a meter on every sun-

"With all my heart I protest against a system in which the lap dogs of the rich are the social superiors of the children of the poor."

The quarterly interest on the public debt of the nation is \$5,450,000. The quarterly dividend of the Standard Oil Co., just divided up among the greasy oil magnates, was \$23,-500,000. Uncle Sam is small potatoes comat with our John Rockefeller.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. . .

Arkansas City, Kan., has appropriated money to buy the waterworks plant.

Oakland, Cala., will probably have a city water plant and a salt water sprinkling plant. The Democratic party got into power at

Springfield, Mo., on an anti-municipal own-

ership campaign. Washington, Ind., has changed from pri vate to municipal ownership of electric light sary office-holders are higher than salaries meant by it. He said: "I intended to set dom of contract to drudge as many plant by purchase.

Racine, Wis., is agitating the purchase of the local waterworks system now owned by a

Boston corporation. The Massachusetts Board of Gas and Electric-Light Commissioners supervises the lighting plants of 15 towns and two cities.

the council of Manitowoc, Wis., gave away the gas franchise of that town for a period of twenty five years.

Albany, N. Y. is strongly in favor of a city electric light plant but the city "servants" are blocking progress by keeping the private monopoly in power.

The mayor of Laurel, Md., has begun a movement for the purchase by the town of the local telephone line so that the system shall be for the convenience of the residents

Cleveland, O., is just coming into possesion of an excellent water plant, and a movement is starting to continue the work by establishing a city lighting plant. Step by step the movement grows. Mayor Cummings of Stamford, Conn., has

just been sworn into office, and undertakes as the most important thing in Stamford's interest to secure municipal ownership of the gas and electric light plant.

Richmond, Ind., decided to get rid of a private lighting incubus by a special election. The feeling in favor of city ownership was so overwhelming that the company knuckled by offering its plant to the municipality.

The Mckeesport, Pa., Times has begun the agitation of municipal ownership of the electric light plant as the only way to obtain the service needed. McKeesport is paying over \$18,000 a year for madequate private service.

A contributor to the Self-Culture Magazine in an article on "Municipal Socialism" says that city ownership "seems the only safe retreat from corrupt alliances between unscrupulous capitalists and greedy and venal offi-

Private companies operating electric light plants in Massachusetts paid \$632,000 in dividends last year, as well as adding \$100, 000 to their surplus. Yet there are some city fathers in that state who still sneeze at municipal ownership.

What a town of 3,000 can do is shown by Ocala, Fla, which formerly paid a private company \$225 a month for are lights. It now has a city plant, the receipts of which for March were \$65 more than expenses—a profit of \$290, less some interest. The city of New York has secured owner

ship of the water plant formerly owned by the Long Island Water Supply Company and will save patrons quite a sum in additional water rents for the rest of the year, according to the New York Journal.

"Senator Jones of Arkansas, who is a man of leisure and spends his vacations Europe," according to the San Francisco Call, has said that the people of European cities, relieved of public burdens by municipal ownership of public utilities, laugh at us for plodding along under the same old yoke."

Public ownership was the bone of contention in the municipal contest at Waco, Texas, and it won out, electing J. W. Riggins mayor. Gradually the people are waking up to realize that it will be better for them (the public) to own something rather than the corporations to own everything.

Some persons and papers are saying that "If you are not well dressed society is Boston furnishes an example of the failure of municipal ownership, but George Holden "Excessive wealth is as demoralizing as Tinkham of the Boston Board of Aldermen says in answer to their argument: "This does not prove that the principle is wrong, but only that its application in Boston by politicians, under the popular franchise, has not been a popular success.

The Denver water company refuses to pay a tax on its franchise value, according to 1.w. and has gone into court where it knows how to win to prevent the collection. This franchise value is worth many millions, but then corporations should be exempt from taxes. They are infant industries!

In Edinburg, Ind., population 2,000, incandescent lights for stores cost 20 cents a month, for residences 15 cents, and the service is first-class in every way. Water service costs a dollar a year. telephone service is from 50 cents to a dollar a month. Municipal ownership all the way beauty and usefulness; the incentive will be

Buffalo, Albany, Syracuse, Yonkers and many other New York cities have investigated the question of city ownership and found that they would be better off than under private control as at present. They have bills before the state legislature to allow them to make the change, but the politicians have held them all up so securely, that not a one will reach the governor.

"One of the cities that is setting a pace for others to follow is Baltimore, Md.," says the Biddeford, Me., Journal. "This is the the Biddeford, Me., Journal. seeks to absolutely divorce them from state and national politics. Under this charter the mayor is elected for a period of four years, at an adequate salary. The second branch of the city council confirms all the mayor's ap-pointments and it requires a three-fourths

all appropriations have to be passed upon by a board of estimates. The annual appropriation bill, when sent to the city council, may be decreased but it cannot be increased under the law. In every commission or board minority representation is mandatory. The present mayor has carried into his office the same business spirit and judgment that he would exercise in the prosecution of his own personal affairs. He has already found a number of unnecessary office-holders and has also found that the salaries of many necespaid for similar service in business life.'

R. Fulton Cutting, president of the New York Association for the Improvement of the Poer, says that municipal ownership is the important thing to do the work of his association because under the change of system a realization of political responsibilities would Despite-vigorous social democratic opposition give a public determination to sweep away corruption and compel a pure administration of public affairs.

Helena, Mont., voted at a special election to spend \$500,000 for a city lighting plant. The Helena Electric Light Company at once made an offer to the city council to cut in two the price for which it had been doing the how to pass their afternoon rejoicingly. city lighting and to make a material reduction to private consumers. Probably there had previously been some Helena folks who them, I thought, were a little frightened, bewere convinced that they were getting their lighting cheaper than the city could do it.

ownership depends entirely upon the kind of of their heads as well as they could, and reofficials that the people place in power. By kicking greedy and venal public men out of soft berths and substituting in their places honest, public-spirited citizens, the "flabby and untrustworthy local government" will give place to a firm, reliable administration, which will be guided by the people, not by the political corporations. Incorruptible men in municipal offices would see that public ownership is given a fair trial - Express, Albany, N. Y.

S. H. Brascher was elected mayor of Honston, Texas, on a municipal ownership platform and with him eleven of the twelve councilmen. The corporations appealed to all the ignorance, prejudices and vilest forces of the city and used an immense slush fund without avail. The municipal ownership majority was from 241 to 1500; that is the way the people do them up when they get a chance, One of my readers there gives the APPEAL credit for much of the sentiment of which this was an effect.

The tide has set in earnestly. I note in the last week from exchanges the following southern cities have decided to own and operate their own electric light and water systems: Evergreen, Ala.; Natchitoches, Ala.; New Iberia, Ala.; Magnolia and Visksburg Miss.; High Point, N. C.; Union, S. C.; Pulaski, Va.; Birmingham, Ala.; Pratt City, Ala.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Biakely, Ga.; Tacoma Park, Md.; Morganton, N. C.; Kirkwood, S. C.; Gallatin, Tenn.; Mineola, Tex.; Amsterdam, Va.; Buena Vista, Va.; Emporia, Va.; Martinsburg, W. Va.; Wadesboro, N. C.

St. Charles, Mo., has just voted on whether the city shall own its own water plant or submit longer to the extortion and bribery of the council year after year by a water cor-poration. What was the result? O, just the usual one-the citizens voted ten to one for public ownership. Do it every time the plain question is presented to them. That is what they would do about the public ownership of railroads if congress did not keep them from having the opportunity of voting on it. The safety of trusts and corporations depends on keeping the people away from expressing their wishes in the matter. And they know it.

The mayor of Birmingham, Ala., says that that city is threatened with an epidemic of typhoid fever as a result of the violation of the waterworks company's contract with the city to furnish water "clean, wholesome and suitable for domestic purposes." In addition the company's rates are so extortionate that the mayor says in a report to the city "The time has come when our government: sion be lifted from the necks of the people, an oppression that bears with peculiar force upon the man with a small home and limited means."

The large Eastern cities are all falling into line with associations for advancing the idea of municipal beauty by studying and applying the principles of architecture and land scape gardening. The Harrisburg, Pa. Star-Independent says that this is significant in "marking our advance from the crude stage of progress when the only question regarded in the erection of a building was its adaptability to the intended use," and adds that "we are getting beyond the stage where the beautiful is excluded from consideration." The charge for As we get further along in public ownership we shall have still more time to combine raised higher from that of mere utility to a desire for common improvement and enjoy-

APPEAL TO REASON:

I have discovered two good points for your editorial department. First, Peoria, had a gas company up to recently that charged over \$1 per thousand for gas. They have a new company now that is making contract for 3 years at 30 cents while the old company has reduced the price to 50 cents. The manager of the new company states that the sale of the by-products (coke and am. first year of the administration of municipal monia) more than pays for the cost of man-affairs in Baltimore under a charter which ufacture. Second, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of London, England commenced to write life insurance in 1762, now has \$25,000,000 of assets; never employed

ON THE FOLLIES OF COMPETITION.

greenseesesesesesesesesesesese₆ he told a short parable. To those who did not recognize it as social ism the parable was hard to understand, and he received many inquiries as to what he forth the wisdom of men in war contending their wisdom in peace, contending for wealth." while so much is being said of war. Here is the parable:

"Though I am no poet, I have dreams sometimes; -I dreamed I was at a child's May-day party, in which every means of entertainment had been provided for them, by a wise and kind host. It was in a stately house, with beautiful gardens attached to it; and the children had been set free in the room and gardeas, with no care whatever but was to happen the next day; and some of cause there was a chance of their being sent to a new school where there were examina-The success of a movement toward publications, but they kept the thoughts of that out solved to enjoy themselves. The house, said, was in a beautiful garden, and in the garden were all kinds of flowers; sweet grassy banks for rest; and smooth lawns for play and pleasant streams and woods; and recky places for climbing. And the children were happy for a little while, but presently they separated themselves into parties; and then each party declared it would have a piece of garden for its own, and that none of the others should have anything to do with that piece. Next, they quarrelled violently, which pieces they would have; and at last the boys took up the thing, as boys should do, practically, and fought in the flower-beds till there was hardly a flower left standing; then they trampled down each other's bits of garden out of spite; and the girls cried until they could cry no more; and so they all lay down at last breathless in the ruin, and waited for the time when they were to be taken home in the evening.

"Meanwhile, the children in the house had manner. For them, there had been provided every kind of in-doors pleasure; there was music for them to dance to; and the library was open, with all manner of amusing books and there was a museum, full of the most curious shells, and animals, and birds; and there was a workshop, with lathes and carpenters' tools, for the ingenious boys; and there were pretty fantastic dresses, for the girls to dress in; and there were microscopes, and kaleidoscopes, and whatever toys a child could fancy; and a table, in the dining-room, loaded with everything nice to eat.

"But, in the midst of all this, it struck two or three of the more "practical" children that they would like some of the brass-headed nails that studded the chairs; and so they set to work to pull them out. Presently, the others, who were reading, or looking at shells, took a fancy to do the like; and, in a little while, all the children, nearly, were spraining their fingers, in pulling out brass-headed nails. With all they could pull out, they were not satisfied; and then, everybody wanted some of somebody's else. And at last the really practical and sensible ones declared, that nothing was of any real consequence, that afternoon, except to get plenty of brass-headed nails; and that the books, and the cakes, and the microscopes were of no use at all in themselves, but only, if they could be exchanged for nail-heads. last, they began to fight for nail-heads, the others fought for the bits of garden. Only here and there, a despised one shrank away into a corner, and tried to get a little show in round numbers 5,500,000 non-proquiet with a book, in the midst of the noise; ductive workers. What I mean by non-probut all the practical ones thought of nothing ductive workers are, agents of all kinds, lawbondage to the Birmingham Water Works else but counting nail-heads all the afternoon yers, officials of banks and all other like incarry so much as one brass knob away with middle class consisting of the owners of them. But no—it was—'who has the most saloons, small stores, etc. , A careful investhem. nails? I have a hundred and you have fifty; tigation shows that at least 5,000,000 of or I have a thousand and I have two. I must these workers could and would be dispensed have as many as you before I leave the with under socialism. By the co-operative house, or I cannot possibly go home in peace. At last, they made so much noise that I at present awoke, and thought to myself, What a false dream that is, of children.' The child is the father of the man; and wiser. Children never do such foolish things. Only men do."

What Some Exchanges Say.

Justice, absolute and equal, to every man, roman and child; that is socialism. - Workers Call

It is said that farmers will always oppose socialism on account of their property interests, but how about the renters who are getting to be in the majority?-Class Struggle.

Little children, who work 10 and 12 hours er day in the department stores and packing houses in Kansas City, trudge two or three miles to attend a free night school, so says the Kansas City Star. And as these little ones, thirsting for knowledge, trudge along the streets cable cars flit by unoccupied. What a dangerous thing it would be for the city to own the street cars and give the children free rides!-Coming Nation.

We tell you right here that those monopotists, those trusts, those rich men are not half so much to blame for wrong conditions as you are. They act in response to the lower elements in animal nature. And there any agents or advertised; only wrote in 1899 is this to be said for them, they do some thing while you do nothing. They want to

RUSKIN'S LESSON FOR CHILDREN Can't you read? Can't you vote? Can't you read? Can't you read? Can't you read? you put two and two together and see that they make four? Can't you see that what builds up great fortunes for the USKIN delivered a lecture in 1868 distribute that great wealth into the homes of on "The Mystery of Life" in which millions instead of amassing it in the control of the few?-Boston Traveler.

Courts frequently decide that laws limiting the hours of labor are unconstitutional because they take from the laborer the right of freehours as he pleases. As well might for kingdoms, and what follows to set forth these same courts decide that the laws against robbery and murder are unconstitutional be-The lesson he taught in it is a good one for cause they take from the victims the privi-grown up children, especially so just now lege of being robbed or killed.—Equity, Topeka, Kan,

People who really desire to fit their lives to the answer to the question, "What would Jesus do?" might get help by asking, "What did Jesus do?" Did he ever try to "make money"? What salary did he receive? Did he ever lay aside anything for a "rainy day"? How much did he contribute for the support of the church? Did he ever accumulate anything with which to endow a library, a college or a hospital? How much property did he leave?--Truth and Freedom, Fitchburg,

The recent decision in the demurrer to the indictment against Lamonte Bateman, who was charged with unlawful coercion of a workman, at Toledo, Ohio, in which the law was declared unconstitutional by Judge Pugsley, is another demonstration of the absolute worthlessness of labor enactments under existing regulations. So long as a judge who is selected from the 10% that Rev. McNatt speaks of, and who possesses no knowledge of the needs and requirements of the other 90% of the human family, is delegated the power to determine which is and which is not good law, that long will all enactments intended to relieve the condition of the toilers be held as unconstitutional, -Mine Workers' Journal.

Is The Middle Class Disappearing? By F. G. R. GORDON

Socialists in general are constantly saying that the middle class is disappearing. Again socialists in this country, or at least many of them contend that the farmers belong to the middle class. This I deny. The farmer who owns, or cultivates a farm belongs strictly to the working-class. He is of, by and a part of the proletariat. Marx and all the great socialbeen making themselves happy also in their lists of Europe are a unit on this point. And, even the farmers are increasing at the rate of 60,000 per year.

The "mercantile" middle class are sup-

posed by most socialists to be decreasing. The strictly middle class then is composed of the small business man, such as the cigarmaker, tailor, custom shoemaker, blacksmiths, wheelwright, business merchants, saloon keepers, hotel and restauarant keepers, etc. 1870 this class numbered 492,499; in 1880, 687,052 and in 1890, 1,192,931. While the increase from 1870 to 1880 was only 194,553 from 1880 to 1890 the increase was 505,879. Our population increased from 1870 to 1890, 92.4%, but this mercantile middle class increased during the same twenty years 142.4 per cent, or more than double the increase in population.

The agricultural class increased in population from 1870 to 1890 nearly eight and onequarter million. The professional class also increased from 1,484,362 in 1870 to 3,777,-332 in 1890.

The census reports show that both the mercantile middle class as well as the professional class are increasing at a greater per cent than the strictly wage working class. It is clearly proved from the census reports that the wage workers are not in a majority in this nation and that in order to have so cialism in our time we must win the farmers.

The Waste of Non-productive Labor.-Fifty Million Dollars a Day. By F. G. R. GORDON.

The United States census reports for 1890 even though they would not be allowed to stitutions, servants of the rich, and the system one store would do in the place of 200

> Again, at least 10 per cent of the hands engaged in manufacturing may be counted as non-producers, but I have not counted these. It is quite likely that by the concentration

of industry, such as would be in vogue under socialism, we would actually save the now wasted labor of seven million workers. From all data obtainable it is shown that

the actual wealth production of each individual adult worker is over ten dollars per day. Five million non-productive workers then equals a loss to the nation of fifty mil-tion dollars per day, or, fifteen billion dol-lars in wealth wasted every year by reason of our present system on this one item alone. Think what this army of workers might

accomplish working with the best labor-saving machinery at productive labor. The waste due to this non-productive labor is equal to one thousand dollars per year to every family in this nation. Socialism would save every penny of it and two or three times as much on other wastes. Talk about being well-to-

do. Why, here is your chance to vote riches for yourself and all the rest of us. Let us unite and win a splendid civilization for all.

The Union Label

on everything you buy is a guarantee that the producers thereof receive a fair rate of wages for its production.



In response to questions from correspondents and for the information of other readers who do not know where to look for the label on union-made goods,

we begin a series of cuts of the various la-bels. The label here given is that of the "Boot and Shoe Workers' Union," and is found stamped on the sole inside of every boot or shoe made by union labor. This is the only label of the united shoe craft. Fiftyfive factories are now making union made footwear. Demand the union label!

In New Zealand the telegraph toll is one cent per word with a minimum fee of 12 It has proven to be too much and the fee will be reduced because it accumulates an unnecessary surplus in the public treasury. That is the way the people degenerate into barbarians under the baleful influence of public ownership!

THE plague has broken out in Manila and our boys are put to guarding the victims! Therefore I think that it is not only useless Great and glorious occupation! By the way, how much have you been benefitted by our to Chamberlains, Wilhelms, and such-like, "colonial possessions?" Added anything to thus hiding from one's self the true causes, your wages? It is costing some millions that which lie much nearer and in which we are you and your children will have to pay or ourselves participating. Chamberlains and repudiate.

THE telegraphers on the Southern Pacific and Alabama Southern railways are out on a strike. These roads are the most tyrannical with both the employes and the public of any crushing corporations in the nation, and enhas long ceased to be a virtue. Every moral support should be given the boys to secure even a partial freedom,

Electricity has just been applied to the making of cigarettes and cut tobacco. Result: 180,000 cigarettes and 5,000 pounds of cut tobacco per minute, Effect: Several hundred people out of a job. Under socialism nobedy would be out of a job, but the hours would be reduced without reduction of Which would be better for you?

"You must keep the people at work or fighting if you want to keep them in slavery, for leisure gives reflection; reflection gives discontent; discontent gives liberty and liberty ends slavery

The above is credited to Napoleon. Can you not see that is true, whether he said it not only profess, but tolerate, without anger or not? Men fighting, acting under orders, their minds concentrated on the other fellows, cannot realize their true relations to That is what the Phillippine, Boers and all other wars mean? It is the harvest time for the classes that live on the other fellow's sweat. Don't do it. War is religion, we profess it ourselves, and then we not good. It makes brates of men, and if left alone, men would not light. If the cost Kruger, are to blame for the murder of men of all wars had to be sustained directly out by each other. of the existing property of a nation there would be no wars. But by the cunning system of bonds the property owners are able to years during which time the laboring people are able to produce its cost and leave the capitalists property free from payments. In fact they profit by the war. Why will you support such a trap, set for you century after contary by those who live off your

Expansion.

Oh, yes! that's what the frog did; but he did something else --he busted. So will Unele Samuel bust, not because he expanded, but in spite of it. It is using the hair of the dog to cure the bite. Uncle Sam knows la-bor in India, China, Philippines, and in fact countries with American goods, cheaper than those countries can make the same goods themselves. Well! well! think of it! Ship 6000 miles to sell to a people who work so cheap! And our well-paid labor can hardly buy home manufactured goods! Mind you, Uncle Sam is going to make his own boys work and feed-and clothe the heathen Chinese. Fine sight that! Reminds one of the Itself wonderful, this Brinolin-McHanna have averaged over 102,000 a week since the system. Oh for the past tense of "what first of the year. fools these mortals be. Yuma, A. T.

SAM MUSTAIN.

"Liberty and Individuality."

A friend has asked me if I wouldn't rather take my "chances" under a system where have "liberty and individuality" than to live under socialism. Friend, my chances are just what I'm fighting for. I want a chance to enjoy the fruits of my own labor instead of having an employer take two-thirds of it and hand me one-third. That's what you do now and you think yourself lucky if you get a chance to work for him even on those conditions. As to "liberty and individual-ity," how many men in that big factory have it? It's against the rules for them to laugh even in working hours. Do you call that liberty, my friend? There are a whole lot present the APPEAL on the road and organize of men lined up at the door of that factory the political movement in that state. The waiting to get a job. Their wives and chil- boys pledge themselves to have an edition dren are out of food and coal at home. But of 15,000 weekly before the end of the year. they are told that no more men are needed. They are sager to work, but they can't. They are willing to make slaves out of themselves for bare fuel and food and clothing. of 9133 subs. The sales of extra copies But they can't. Friend, do you call that were 64,402; books and pamphlets sald, liberty?

Men have liberty and individuality when trying to escape from a burning building. They all rush to the exit, each trying in his own way to be first. What is the result? Why, the door is blocked, one or two who happened to be nearest the door get out The rest are trampled to death and perish. Marching orderly, each in his turn, all escape. Now, when they mareh out that way, they are going according to the will of the whole room full, not according to the separate individual ideas of each. See?

THE REPORTER.

The AFFRAR office is 150 feet deep, and another building will be erected for its stere-room next memb.

Tolstoy on the Boer War

OUNT TOLSTOY recently wrote a letter to Reynolds' newspaper expressing the following vigorous opinion on the war in South Africa.

"I cannot agree with these who attribute the cause of the present war to the behavior of this or that political leader. The real causes are perfectly evident in regard to the Transvaal war, as well as to all the wars which have lately taken place. These causes are threefold: Firstly, the unequal distribution of property- that is, the robbing of one part of humanity by the other; secondly, the existence of the military class-that is, of men educated and fore-appointed to murder; and, thirdly, the fallacious and, for the most part, fraudulent religious teaching in which our young generations are forcibly educated. but harmful to attribute the causes of wars Wilhelms we can only rage against and abuse. But our rage and abuse will only spoil our own blood, without changing the course of events; for Chamberlains and Wilhelms are but the blind tools of forces lying far behind them. They act as they are obliged to and they cannot act otherwise. All history is a series of actions on the part of politicians exactly similar to those which preceded the Transvaal War

"So long as we will profit by privileged wealth, whilst the masses of the people are crushed with labor, there will always be wars for markets, gold mines, etc., which we require in order to maintain our privileged wealth. So much the more will wars be in-evitable whilst we participate in the military organization, allowing it to exist and refrain-ing from combating it with all our powers. We ourselves either serve in the army, or recognize it as being not only indispensable, but praiseworthy; and then when war breaks out, we condemn some Chamberlain or other. But, above all, war will exist as long as we and indignation, that distortion of Christianity which is called the Christian Church, according to which such things are admissible as a Christ-loving army, the consecration of guns and the recognition of a Christian and righteous war. We teach our children this say-some that Chamberlain, others that

"These are the reasons why I cannot agree with you and cannot rebuke the blind tools of ignorance and evil, but see the cause of scatter and increase the cost over a series of war in such a region in which I can myself contribute either to the diminution or augmentation of the evil. To contribute to the fraternal equalization of property; to take advantage in the least possible extent of the privileges which have fallen to my lot; to refrain from in any way participating in military activity; to destroy the spell which makes men, whilst becoming hired murderers, imagine that they are acting well by serving in the army; and above all, to profess the rational Christian teaching and to endeavor with all one's might to destroy that cruel fraud of false Christianity in which young generations are forcibly educated in this threefold work, as it seems to me, conall oriental countries, is not much over ten sists the duty of every man who wishes to cents a day, and he wants to supply those serve that which is right and who is justly revolted by the present dreadful war.'

LEO TOLSTOY.

A Few Office Secrets.

Seven type writers are used in the office. Thirty-five people on the APPEAL pay roll. The APPEAL contract calls for a car of paper every three weeks for the year.

The number of subscribers shows a gradual honey-bee working for nothing and boarding increase. Including the sales, the editions

vrappers are addressed and cut off in an hour. In a week or so every subscriber will receive his paper in a single wrapper. Only a few of these machines are in use as vet

The APPEAL issues a Wisconsin addition that start off with 3000 subscribers this month -every one paid. F. G. R. Gordon will re-

During March the office received: 529 tenweek subs.; 254 three month subs.; 320 six mouth subs. and 7942 yearly subs.- a total \$2514.90. The expenses were \$2558.47, without any allewance for capital or my time. It is all right as long as it does as well.

The postoffice at Girard bas moved up a peg, and on July 1 will be in the column of second class offices, thanks to the great mail of the APPRAL. The postmaster's salary was \$1700, and he paid all the clerk hire and office expenses; then he will get \$2000 and the department will pay all the clerks and expenses. The postmaster is a republican editor, but has filed no objection to receiving this salary from the socialist propaganca. The Appear has no fault to find with the with the postmaster except his politics—and it is hard to "and" them.

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Jaso Meuzel, Granite Palls, Wash have averaged over 102,000 a first of the year.

The Texas edition of the Appeal is booming. But it ought to. M. T. Bruce of Dallas has put up many hundred plunks out of his pocket to get it started in the big state.

On the Appeal list California stands first over 9000; Ohio, Kansas, Missouri and Pennsylvania follow in order. According to popsylvania follow in order. According to popsylvania follow in stands next to California stands.

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total list of 567 from that state included heaven." 111 each from Comrades Kiamroth and Els ter, 100 from Comrade Barker and 54 from Dr. Allingham. Keep your eye on Califor-

Illinois came second with 153 subs., and other of 127 from New York. Other states above the 100 mark this trip are Oregon, 125; Pennsylvania, 115; Ohio, 111; and sin; 107. The Kansas comrades hit the

List of tens and twenties from Washington lows sent ... three twenties and a club of 18. addresses on "Socialism and the Trusta:" Eugene T. Brewster—good for busy people Forty from Comrade Posgue with 30 more Newkirk, Thursday, April 26; Perry, 27; t. ilgest

from other North Dakota comrades make 70 for their neck of the prairie. Fifty-five from Kentucky makes us think that the legislature has adjourned down there. South Dakotas ends 42, Massachusetts 41, Michigan 40, Indiana 39, Idaho 36.

One comrade subscribed for the APPEAL s year for the fifty ministers in his town. Since then the most prominent preacher there has declared himself a Christian Socialist, the next best has preached some socialist sermens to the most hidebound congregation in the city, and as an indirect result a social-ist will be elected over a hitherto impregnable partisan majority to an important local office. At least that's the comrade's tes

A comrade recently secured the subscriptions of two men living in opposite sides of his city. The next he heard or saw of them was their names in the APPEAL army column; one had sent in 25 subscribers and the other That shows how leaven spreads. Your work in getting one subscriber may make thousands think before it stops. . The move. ment is bounding forward.

Alabama and Nebraska came in even with 35 each. Other ties were South Carolina and Utah with 13 and Nevada and Mississippi, two 9's apiece, Minnesota and Texas with 10 each. Other indications are British Columbia with 34, Maine, 32, Arkansas, 31, Montana, 22, Louisiana, 21, Rhode Island. 20, Oklahoma, 19, North Carolina, 12, Tennes.

Comrade Storz, who runs the best socialist hotel in Kansas City and also runs the best of any socialist candidate in that town, threw down a list of 10; before they were on the army list he swatted us with 20 more. Comrade Clark also helps along the Kansas City list with 10 names. Next thing we know Iwwerks will leave chickens and barbering alone long enough to sweep up the stock vards with an APPEAL broom.

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SOCIALISTS AT THE POLLS.

****************** The Kaleidoscope is a new paper at Holden, Mo., supporting the S. D. P.

Socialist vote in Chicago was almost doubled at the recent election.

Nephi, Utah, cast 31 socialist votes for congressman at special election April 2.

Dr. D. F. Eskew is the S. D. P. nominee for congress in the Fourteenth district of

New S. D. P. branches have been organized at Lawson, Col., Aurora, Mo., and Milwaukee (2)

The social democrats polled 59 votes for two councilmen at Jacksonville, Ill., an average of nearly 30 for the first ticket.

The Freeman's Labor Journal of Spokane says that when Debs comes to Washington this summer he will draw larger crowds than either Bryan or McKinley can draw in that

Thirty days after the social democrats or ganized at Redlands, Cal., the election oc-curred. The polled 107 out of 658. The people are ready for a change if you will organize and attract their attention,

To aid the socialist political movement in Kansas G. C. Clemens has started the Western Socialist News. It will be published monthly for the purpose of giving news of 10 the S. D. P. in that state.

A Battle Creek comrade writes that should the social democrats of that city get a proportionately large gain in the next election they will have every vote in the city. They won't get quite that far—but there will be a surprise in Battle Creek when the S. D. P. votes are counted next time.

EDITOR APPEAL TO REASON:-We have or ganized a branch of the S. D. P. in our town. We claim no honor for this ourselves but lay 7 We claim no nonce to time republicans and democrats every day declare that they will vote for Debs and Har. 20 riman on election day. J. R. LESTER.

Bay View, Wash.

After reading the S. D. P. platform the editor of the Detroit News says, "The social democracy is not a platform but a church. California hit us the hardest this time. A Its ideals will never be realized this side of Well, the voter has the advantage of being able to choose which way he shall go-before a socialist ticket was named the elevator only went down.

Representative Costello of the New York legislature says he is "sick and tired of list-Colorsdo was close after with 152. We got ening to the outrageous demands of these a broadside of 140 out of Missouri and an-wage-earners." He is chairman of the house committee on labor and industries. He and on, 125; a lot more will be a great deal sicker when Wiscon- the wage-earners get down to demanding in the right shape.

G. C. Clemens of Tepeka is assisting the socialists of Oklahoma in opening a vigorous campaign. He has the following dates for addresses on "Socialism and the Trusts:"

Guthrie, 28; Norman, 30; Oklahoma City, May 1; El Reno, 2; Kingfisher and Enid, 8; Medford, 4.

Comrade E. T. Tucker, chairman and H. E. Farnsworth, secretary of the Socialist party of Oklahoma, have issued the call for the first delegate convention of the party at El Reno May 23, "to ratify the national so. cialist ticket; to nominate one candidate for delegate to congress; to provide ways and means for the campaign, and to consider other matters of vital importance to the cause of socialism in Oklahoma." Ninetynine delegates are allowed.

Comrade Lipscomb, who was the first so. cialist candidate for governor in Kansas, moved to Liberal, Mo., and started to civilize the community. The last election shows his the community. The last election shows his success. The Liberal S. D. P. branch put a ticket in the field. The two old parties had already set out to fight each other tooth and nail, and endeavored to control the S. D. P. convention. When they failed in this they nominated a fusion ticket. The best they oould do was to poll 69 votes for mayor against 39 for Lipscomb. One alderman on the S. D. P. ticket was elected.

Civic and Social Problems, published at San Francisco, says of the S. D. P. candi. dates: "Very few men in the United States are better known than Mr. Debs, and among labor organizations of all kinds and the common people generally no man is more fully trusted for sincere devotion to their just inerests, nor more fully esteemed and loved than he. They believe, and not without good reason; that neither Rockefeller nor Mark Hanna, nor both combined, with all their millions could buy Eugene V. Debs away from the cause of justice, which to him is the cause of the laboring world today. Mr. Harriman is also widely and favorably known. These candidates will of a certainty be sustained at the next election by a large vote, and it is quite likely to be a surprisingly large vote."

Socialism in the Baking Trade.

HERE are in New York city and

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surrounding towns about 4,000 bakerles, more or less, supplying its inhabitants with the necessary staff of life. A few employ about ten men others six, five, four, two or none at all, using their wives and children as their helpmates in their shops. These 4,000 bakers pay an average rent of \$25 per month, about \$12,000,000 per year, and assist an army of coal dealers, flour dealers, spice dealers and great number of other dealers-non-producers-in getting rich. The men these boss bakers employ are poorly paid and have to spend their nights in unwholesomely ventilated cellars at a temperature just adapted to dry up what little intellect is left to them, besides causing a rate of mortality which is way below the average of workmen of other occupations.

If there is anything like anarchy, or for

that matter, insanity in system, it prevails is the baking trade. How much stupidity, insane waste, and physical ruin there is in the baking trade no one outside of it has an idea of and but few on the inside properly appreciate. If the working people in general are slaves, the bakers are helots and it is not to be wondered at that their physical and mental state disqualifies them from a proper appreciation of their own misery. The hemselves, or at least the most of them, being of the same intellectual calibre, carry on a war of competition among themselves which would be ridiculous in the extreme if it was not too serious. Thus we see an industrial system which so many old fogies regret to see on the wane because the new fangled system, i. e., rational production on a large scale, with machinery, etc., threatens to deprive the bakers of their individualitybeautiful individuality this is, indeed. How much better would it be for the

bakers and for the bread eating public if the municipality of New York would erect, say, ten large municipal bakeries, each of them supplied with steam power and the best ma-chinery, with competent foremen, a municipal chemist to examine all the materials used, and the men employed to work, not to drudge, in shifts of eight hours; how good and wholesome would the bread be, how cheap, how decent could the wages be and how quick would the bakers cease to be the slaves that they are today! Today about 4,000 ovens must be heated up to a certain degree of heat whether the boss baker uses four or fourteen barrels of flour per week, what a great saving alone of coal that would mean; and consider the army of middlemen, the dealers in flour, in spices, in eggs, in rancid butter and so forth, and their agents who are fattening on the baking trade today, without adding a farthing's worth of value to the product, who would become absolutely superfluous as such and whose work would go into productive labor because the city would purchase their material direct from the producers.

material direct from the product.

Can't you see the point? Why, that's rank socialism! Is it? Well, supposing we try socialism in the baking trade!

George G. Block.

This issue is a good one to hand out to the folks who do not yet comprehend that war is simply competition on a large scale and that its horrors and suffering are in daily life without the magnifying glass. A few copies handed out to our friends who see nothing but beauty in the present system may start them thinking. Call their attention to what Zola and Liebknecht and Tolstoy say.